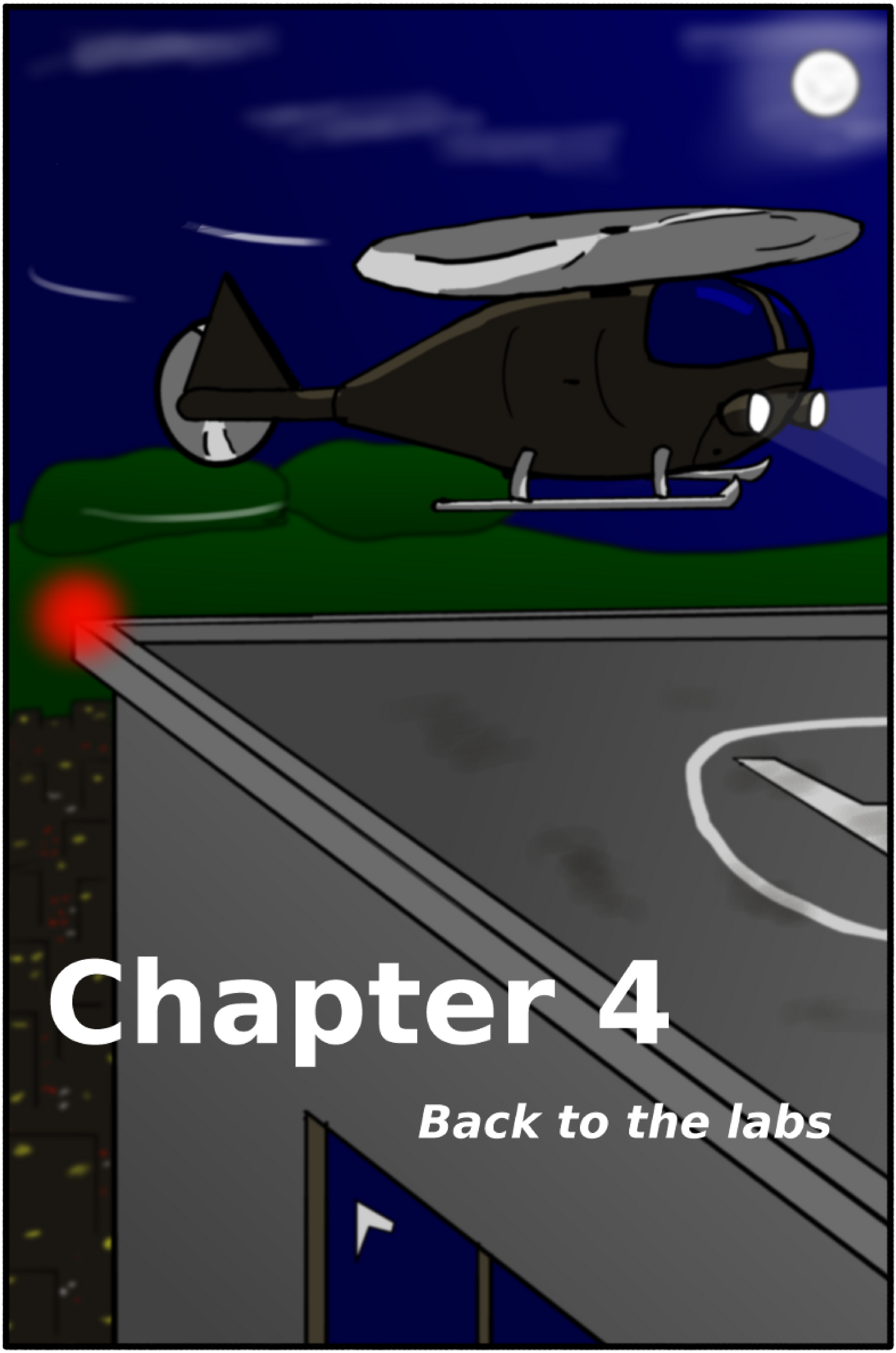
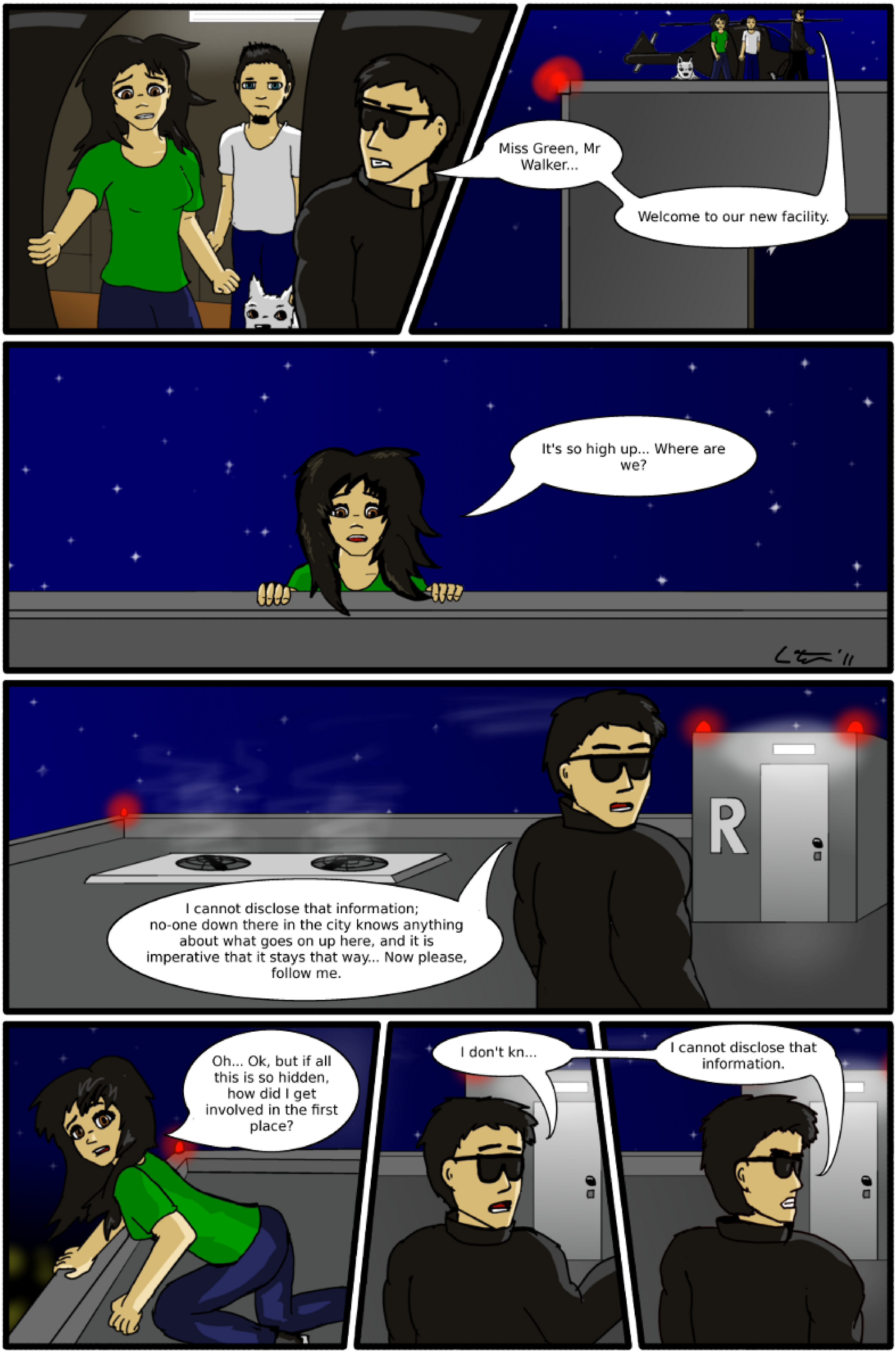
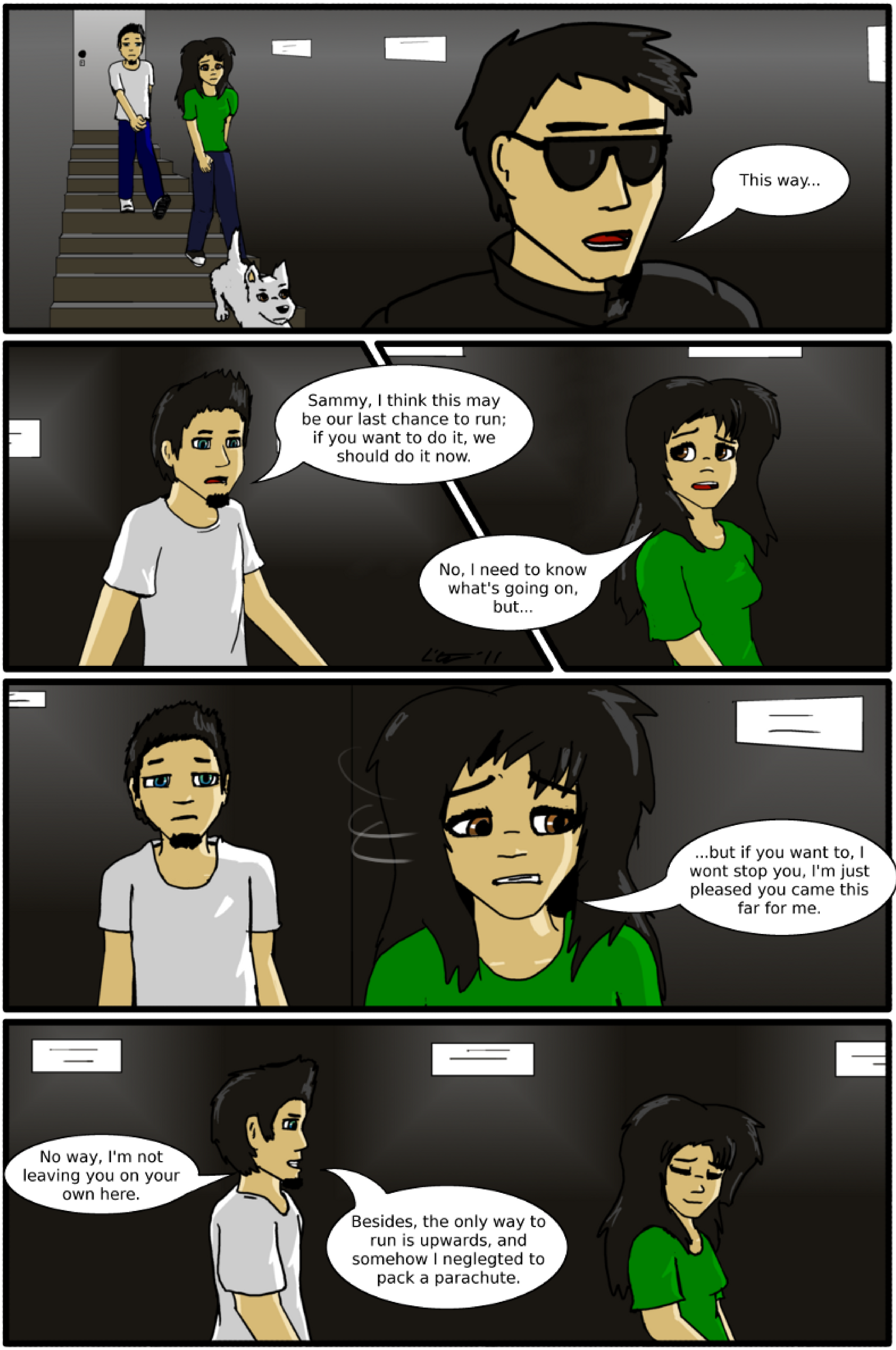
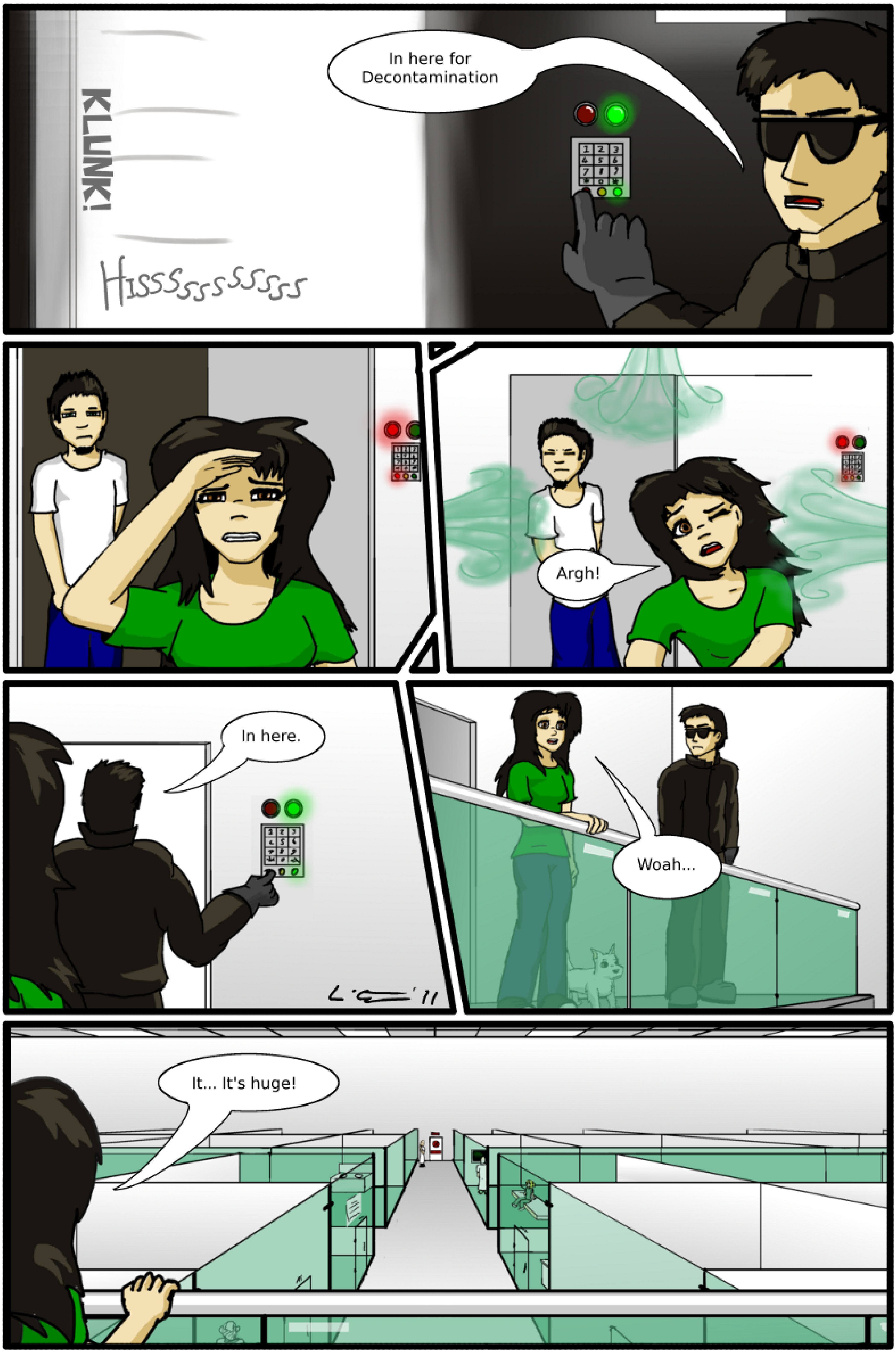


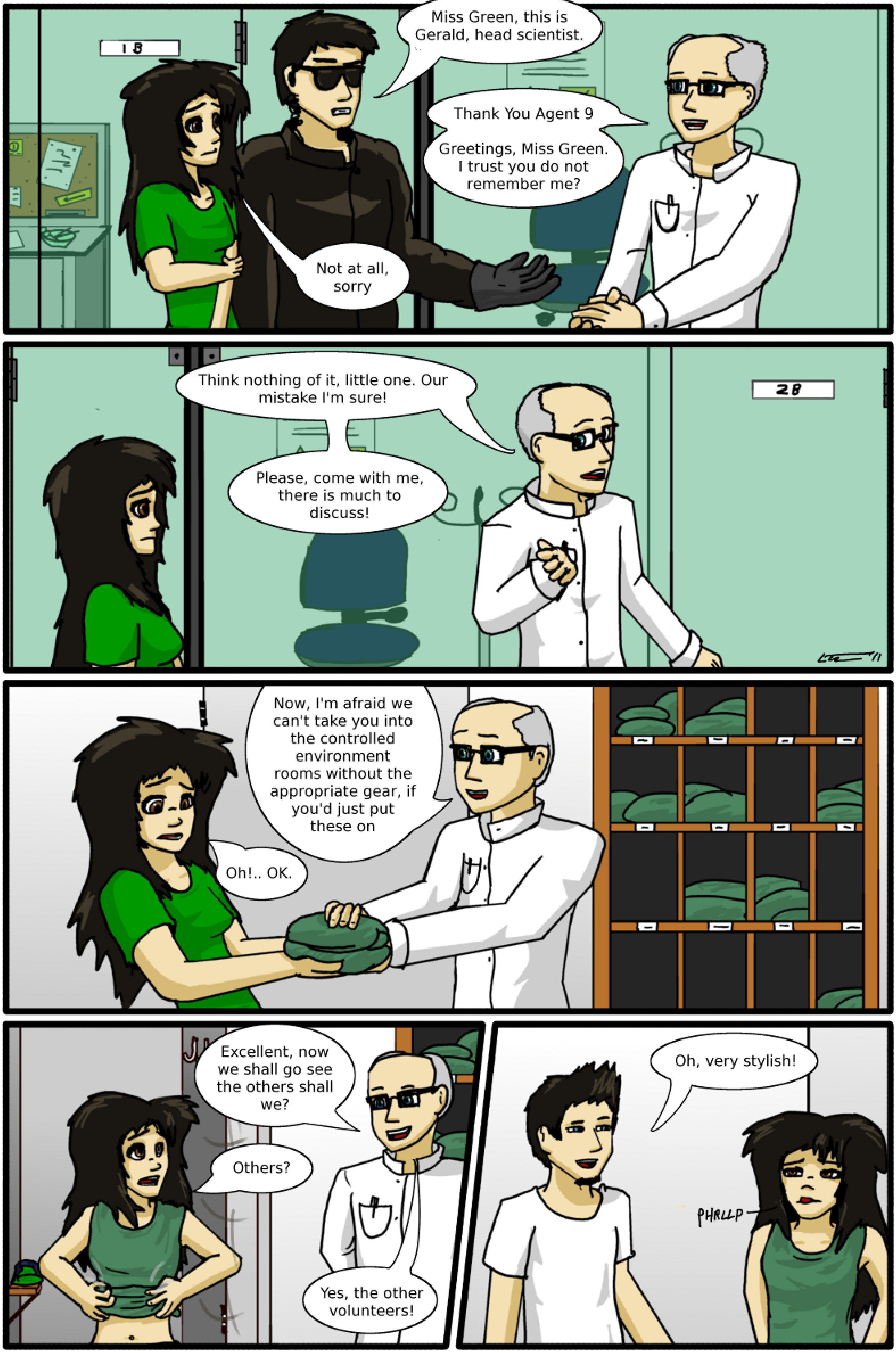
Chapter 4

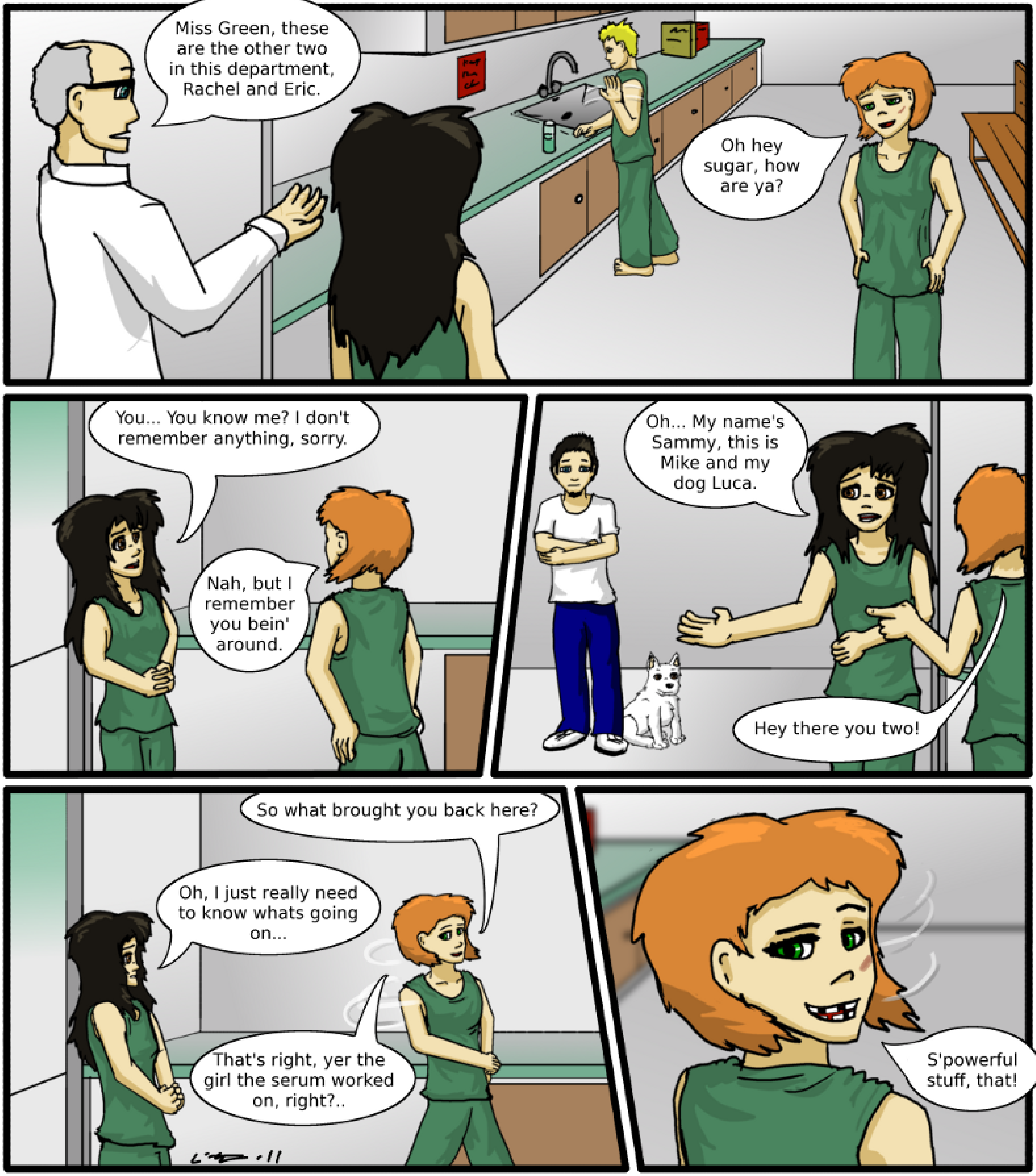
Back to the labs

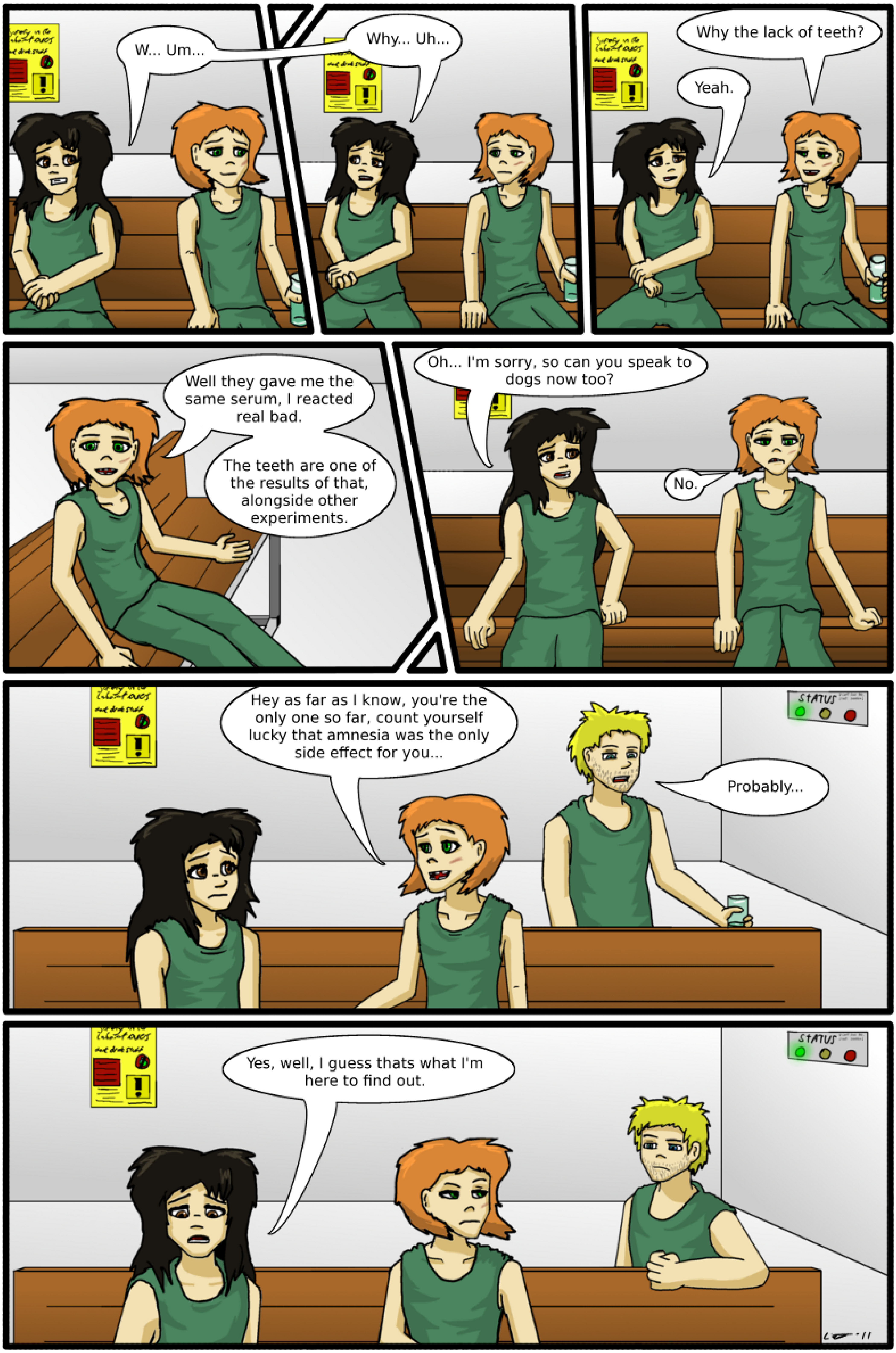

Miss Green, Mr Walker...
Welcome to our new facility.
It's so high up... Where are we?
I cannot disclose that information; no-one down there in the city knows anything about what goes on up here, and it is imperative that it stays that way... Now please, follow me.
Oh... Ok, but if all this is so hidden, how did I get involved in the first place?
I don't kn...
I cannot disclose that information.

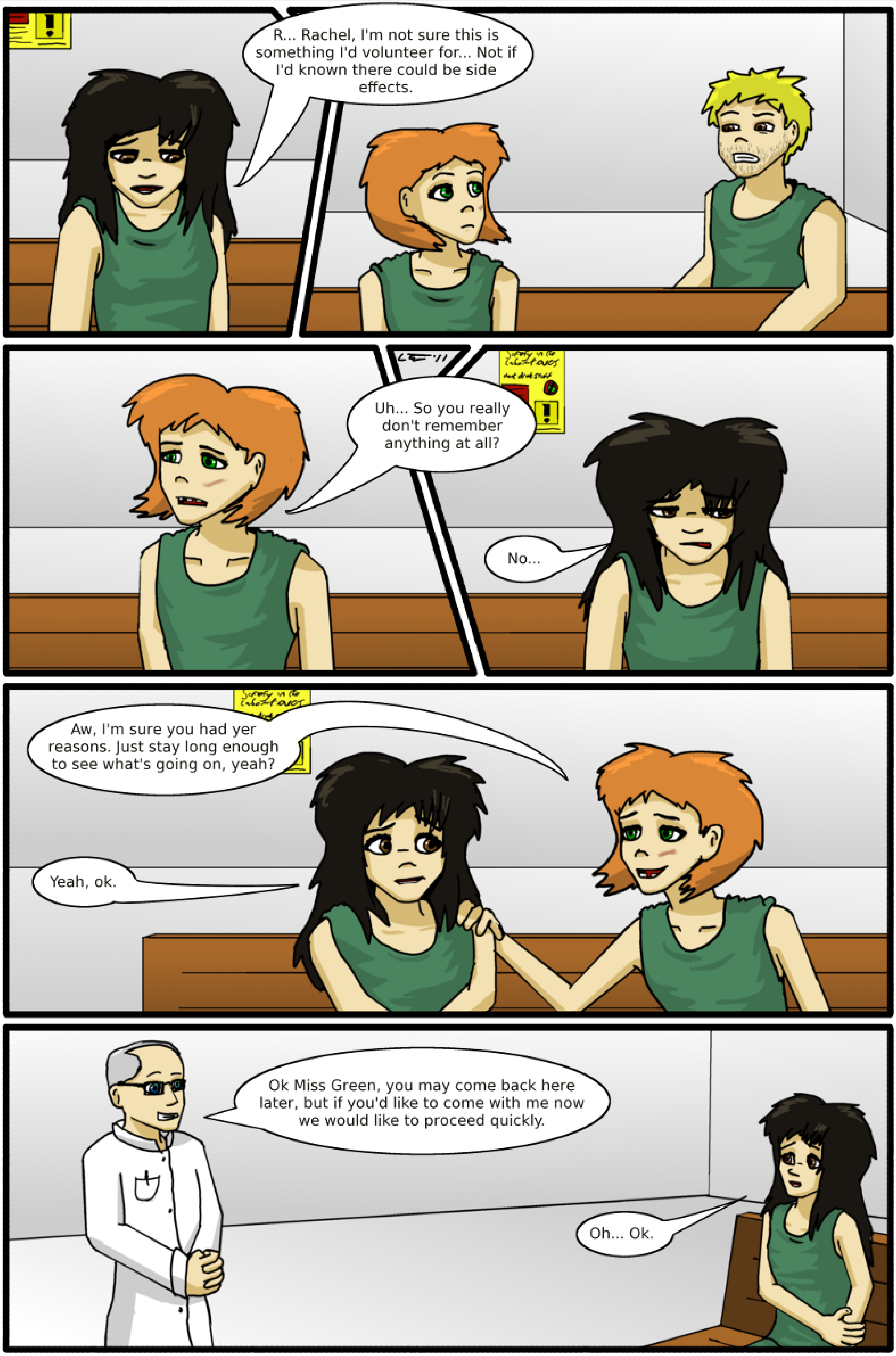

This way...
Sammy, I think this may be our last chance to run; if you want to do it, we should do it now.
No, I need to know what's going on, but...
...but if you want to, I wont stop you, I'm just pleased you came this far for me.
No way, I'm not leaving you on your own here.
Besides, the only way to run is upwards, and somehow I neglegted to pack a parachute.

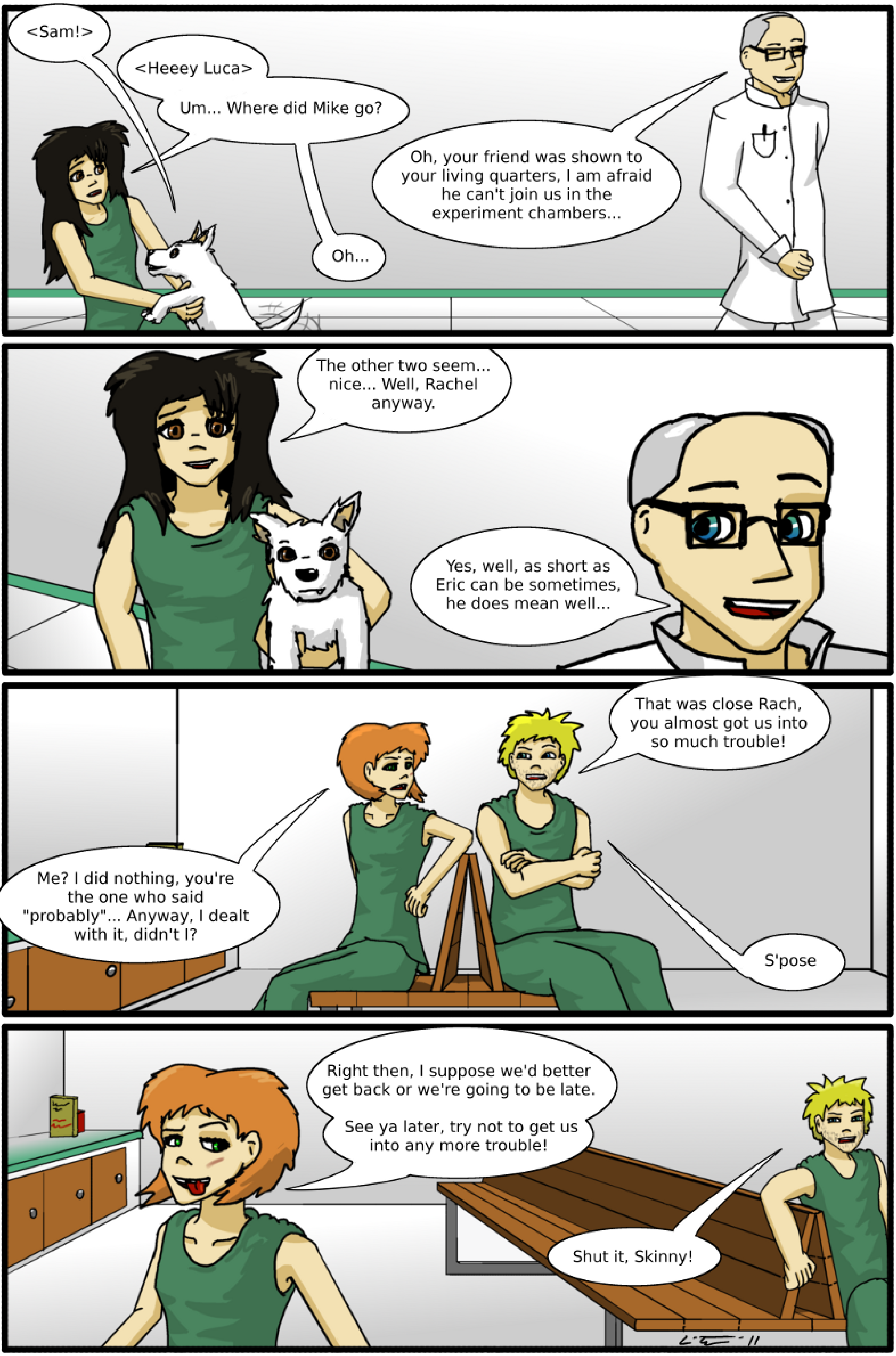

KLUNK!
Hissssssssssss
In here for Decontamination
Argh!
In here.
Woah...
It... It's huge!

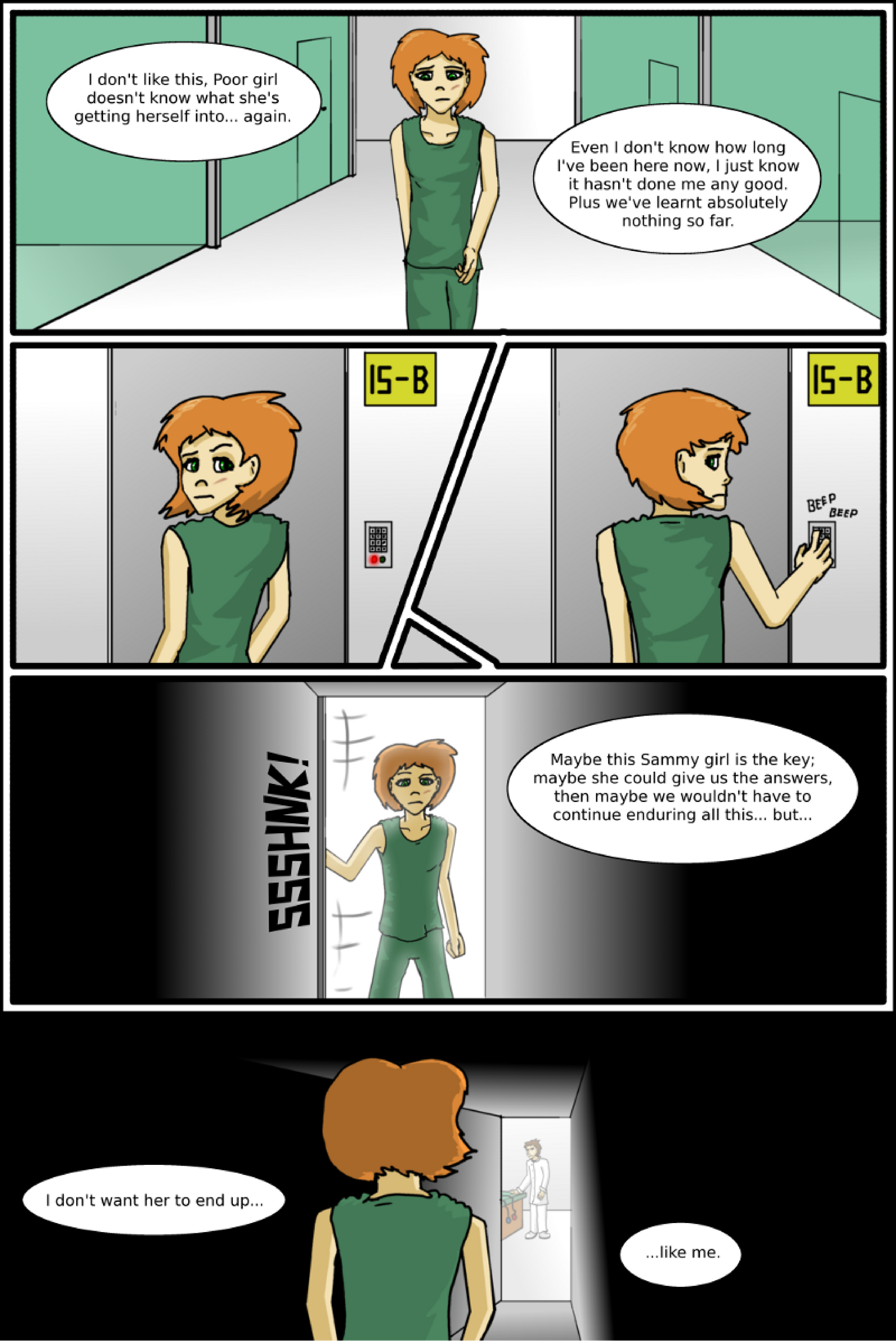

1B
Miss Green, this is Gerald, head scientist.
Thank You Agent 9
Greetings, Miss Green. I trust you do not remember me?
Not at all, sorry
28
Think nothing of it, little one. Our mistake I'm sure!
Please, come with me, there is much to discuss!
Now, I'm afraid we can't take you into the controlled environment rooms without the appropriate gear, if you'd just put these on
Oh!.. OK.
Excellent, now we shall go see the others shall we?
Others?
Yes, the other volunteers!
Oh, very stylish!
PHRLLP

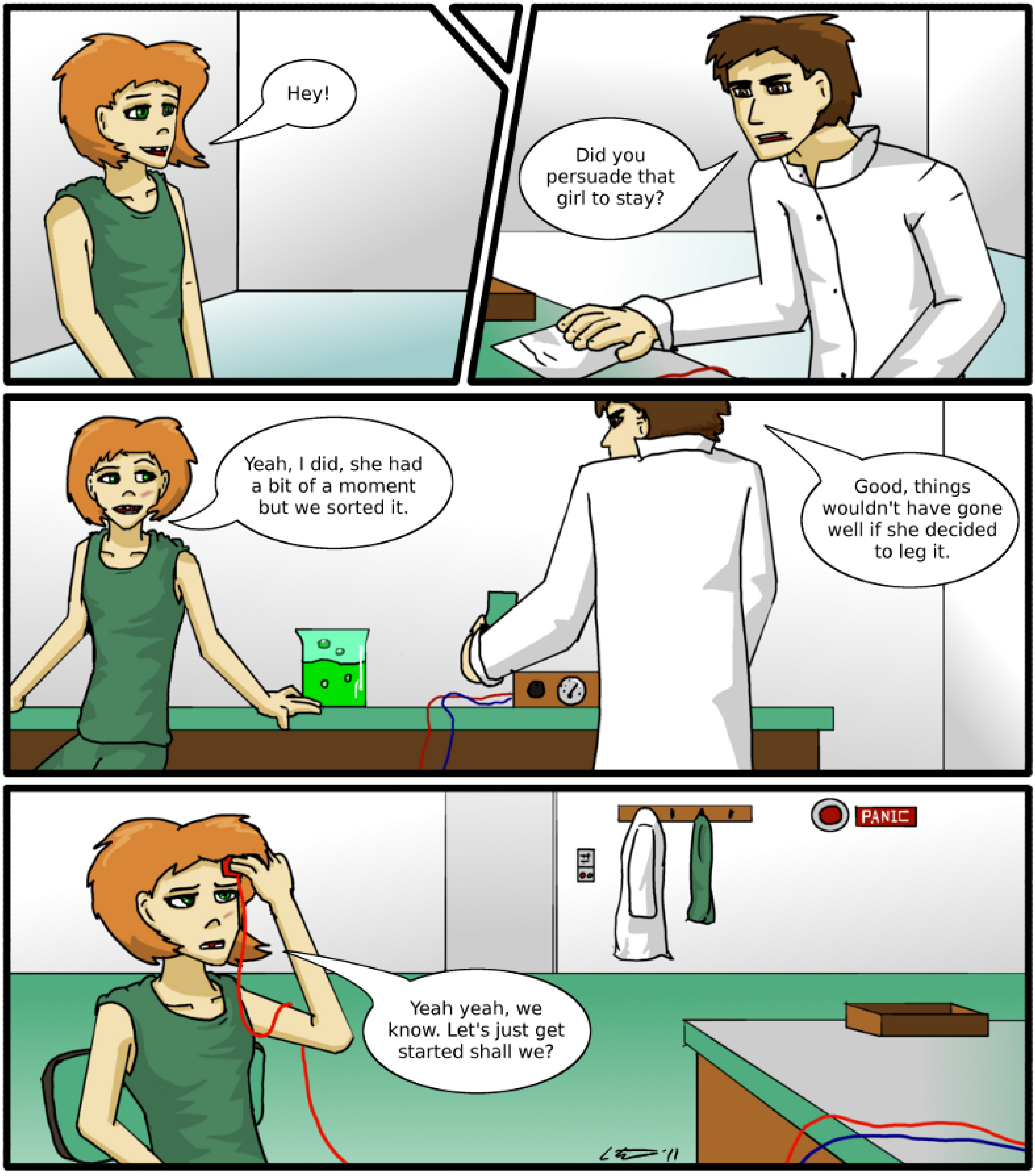

Miss Green, these are the other two in this department, Rachel and Eric.
Oh hey sugar, how are ya?
You... You know me? I don't remember anything, sorry.
Nah, but I remember you bein' around.
Oh... My name's Sammy, this is Mike and my dog Luca.
Hey there you two!
So what brought you back here?
Oh, I just really need to know whats going on...
That's right, yer the girl the serum worked on, right?..
S'powerful stuff, that!

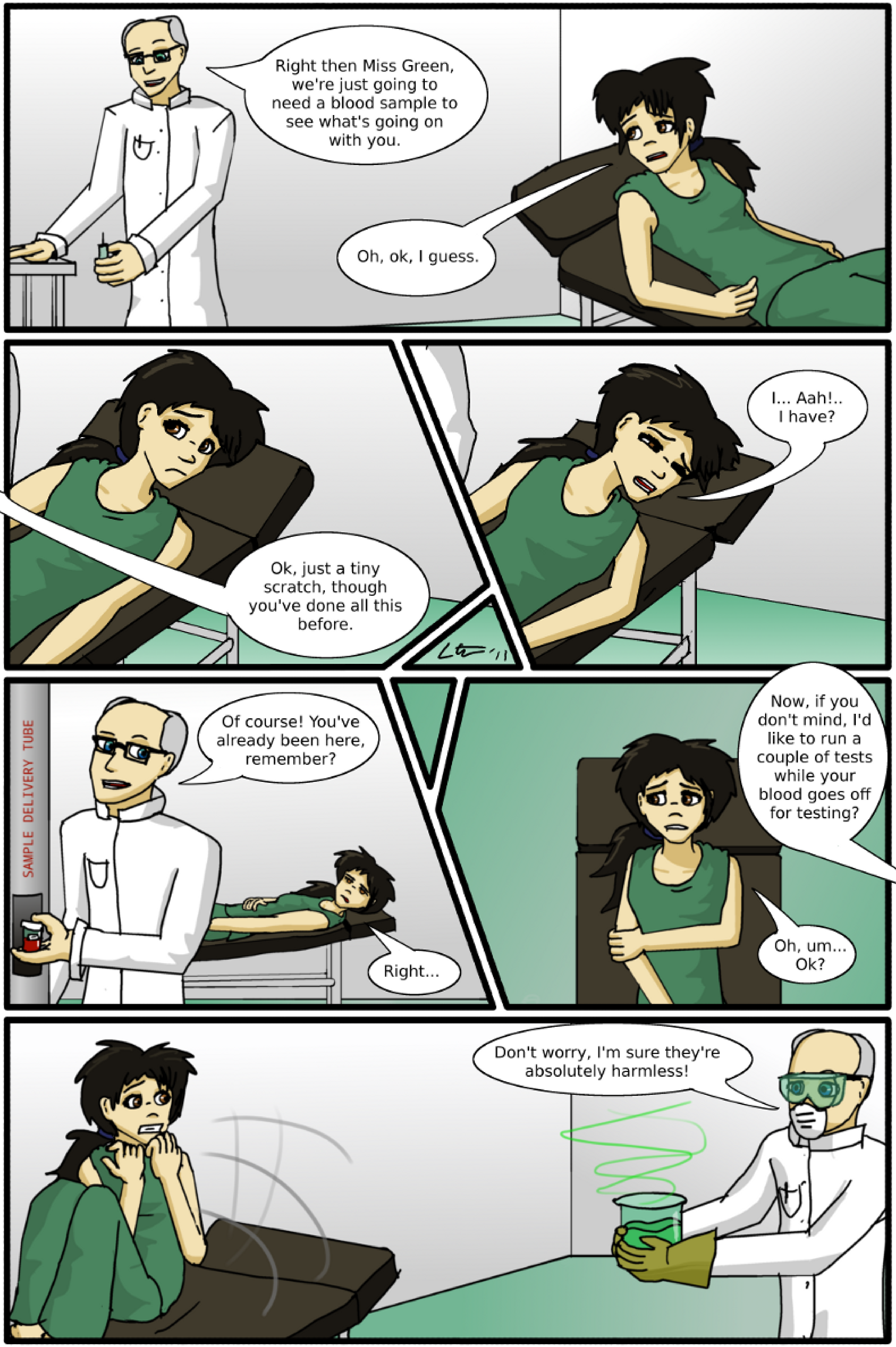

W... Um...
Why... Uh...
Why the lack of teeth?
Yeah.
Well they gave me the same serum, I reacted real bad.
The teeth are one of the results of that, alongside other experiments.
Oh... I'm sorry, so can you speak to dogs now too?
No.
STATUS
Hey as far as I know, you're the only one so far, count yourself lucky that amnesia was the only side effect for you...
Probably...
STATUS
Yes, well, I guess thats what I'm here to find out.

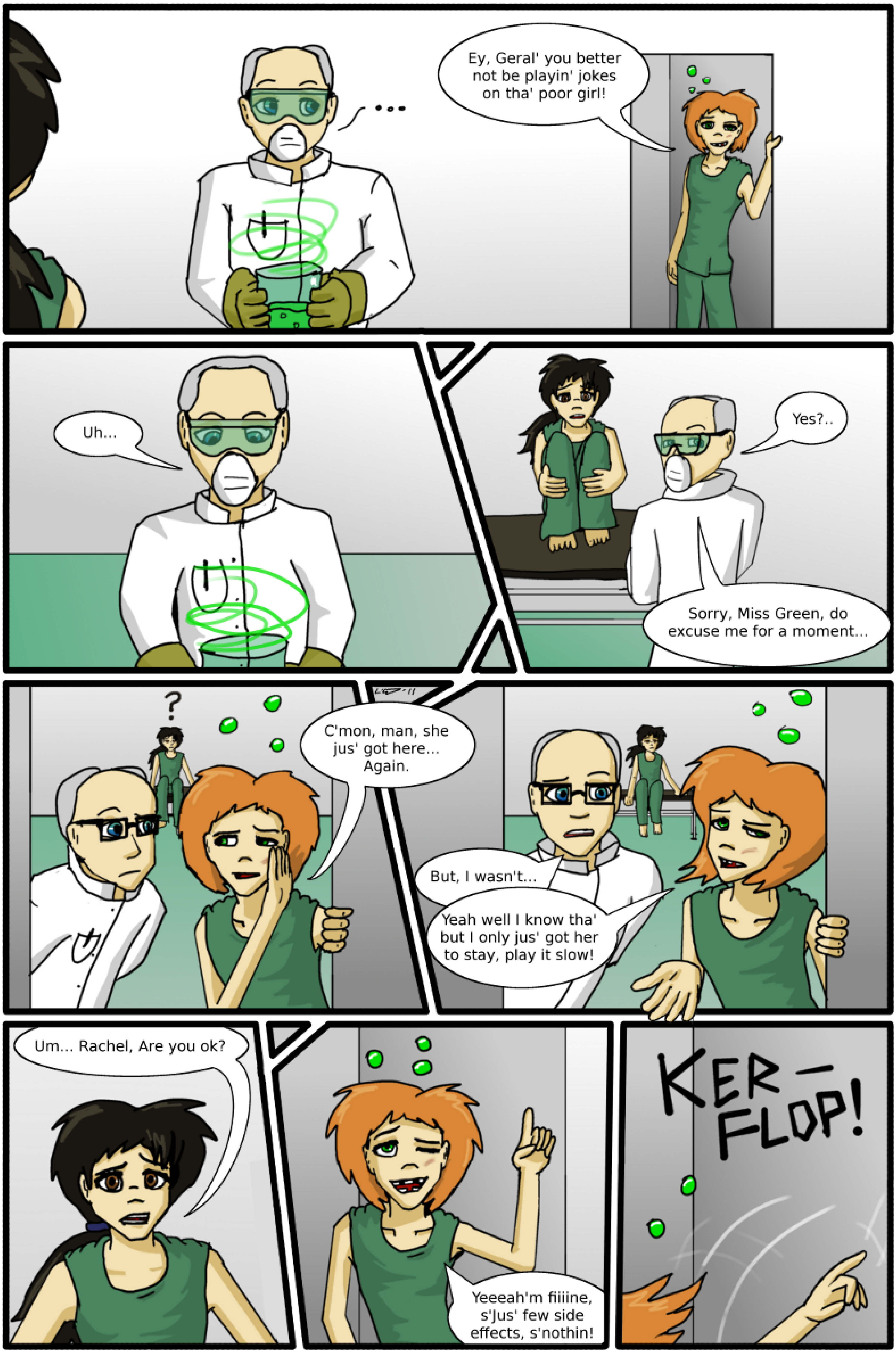

R... Rachel, I'm not sure this is something I'd volunteer for... Not if I'd known there could be side effects.
Uh... So you really don't remember anything at all?
No...
Aw, I'm sure you had yer reasons. Just stay long enough to see what's going on, yeah?
Yeah, ok.
Ok Miss Green, you may come back here later, but if you'd like to come with me now we would like to proceed quickly.
Oh... Ok.

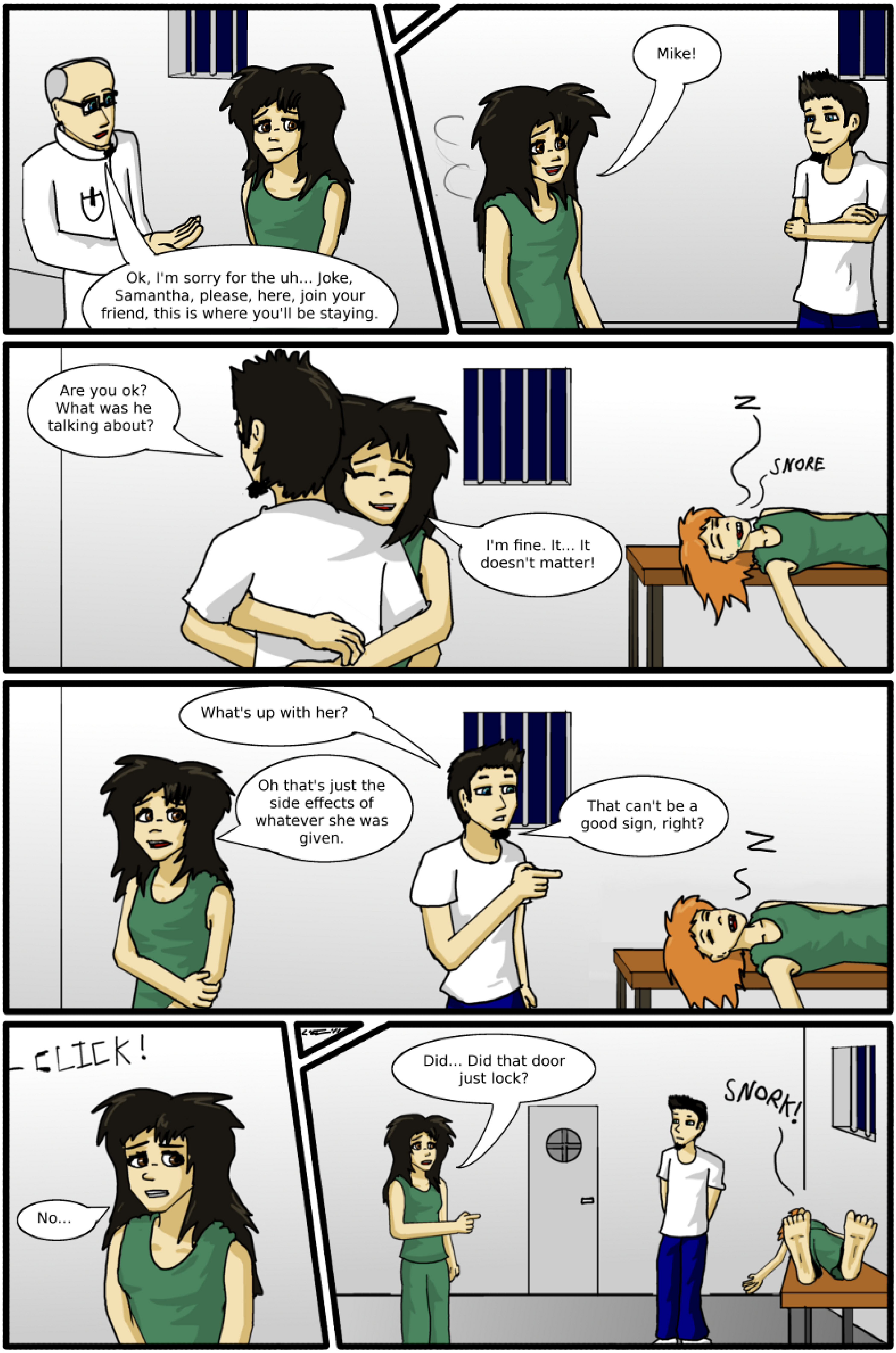

<Sam!>
<Heeey Luca>
Um... Where did Mike go?
Oh, your friend was shown to your living quarters, I am afraid he can't join us in the experiment chambers...
Oh...
The other two seem... nice... Well, Rachel anyway.
Yes, well, as short as Eric can be sometimes, he does mean well...
That was close Rach, you almost got us into so much trouble!
Me? I did nothing, you're the one who said "probably"... Anyway, I dealt with it, didn't I?
S'pose
Right then, I suppose we'd better get back or we're going to be late.
See ya later, try not to get us into any more trouble!
Shut it, Skinny!

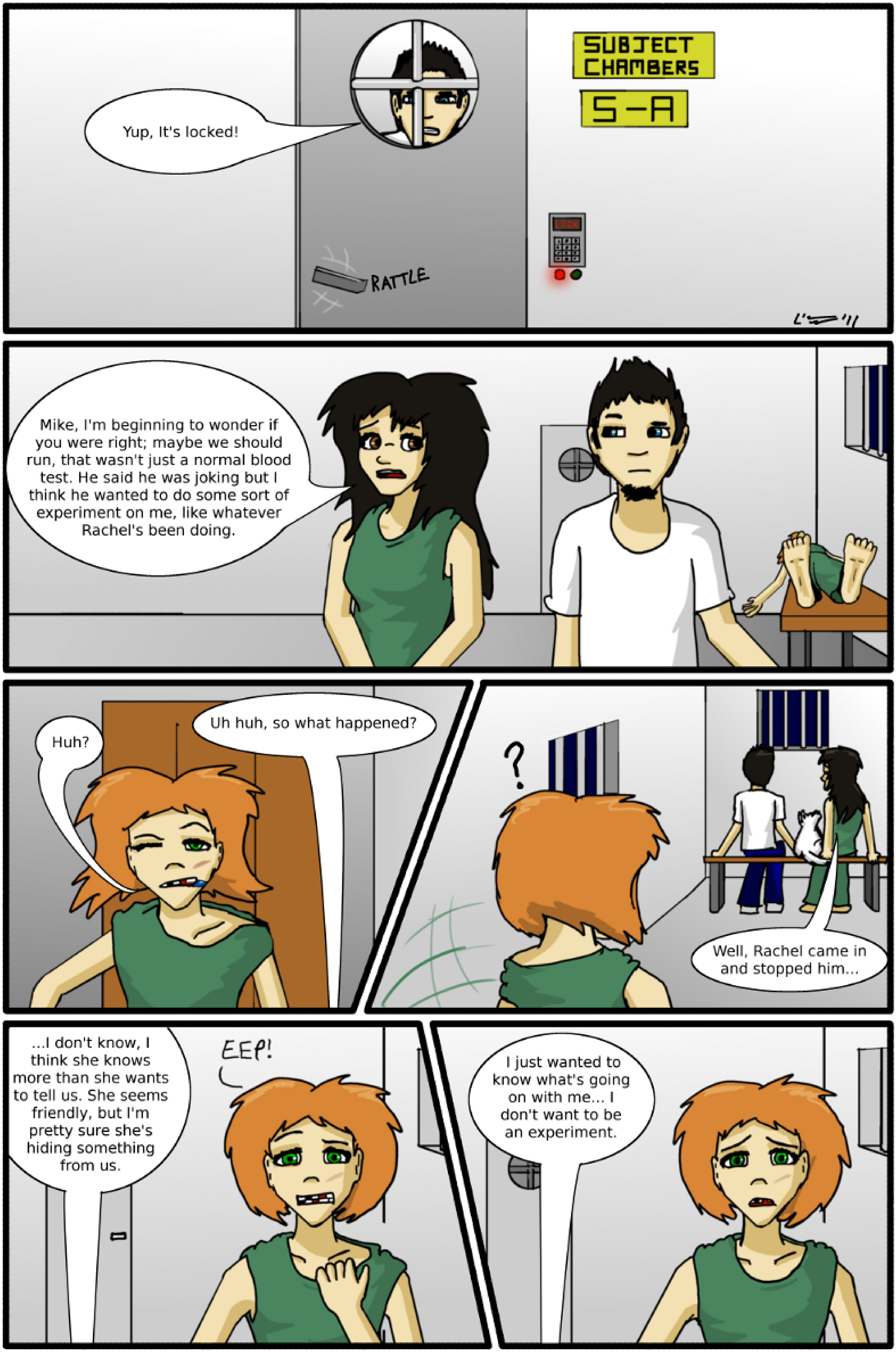

I don't like this, Poor girl doesn't know what she's getting herself into... again.
Even I don't know how long I've been here now, I just know it hasn't done me any good. Plus we've learnt absolutely nothing so far.
15-B
15-B
BEEP BEEP
SSSHNK!
Maybe this Sammy girl is the key; maybe she could give us the answers, then maybe we wouldn't have to continue enduring all this... but...
I don't want her to end up...
...like me.

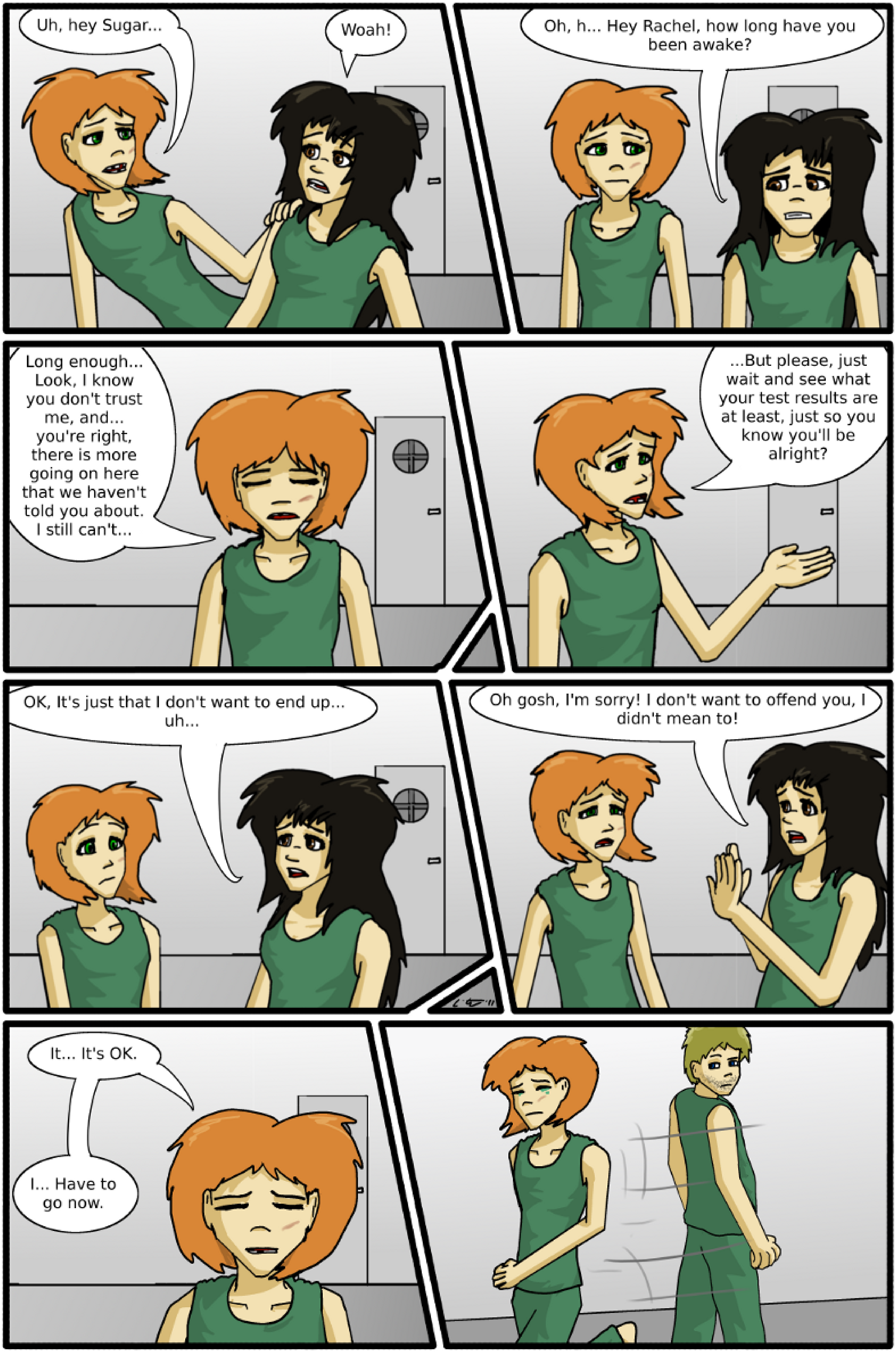

Hey!
Did you persuade that girl to stay?
Yeah, I did, she had a bit of a moment but we sorted it.
Good, things wouldn't have gone well if she decided to leg it.
PANIC
Yeah yeah, we know. Let's just get started shall we?
'11

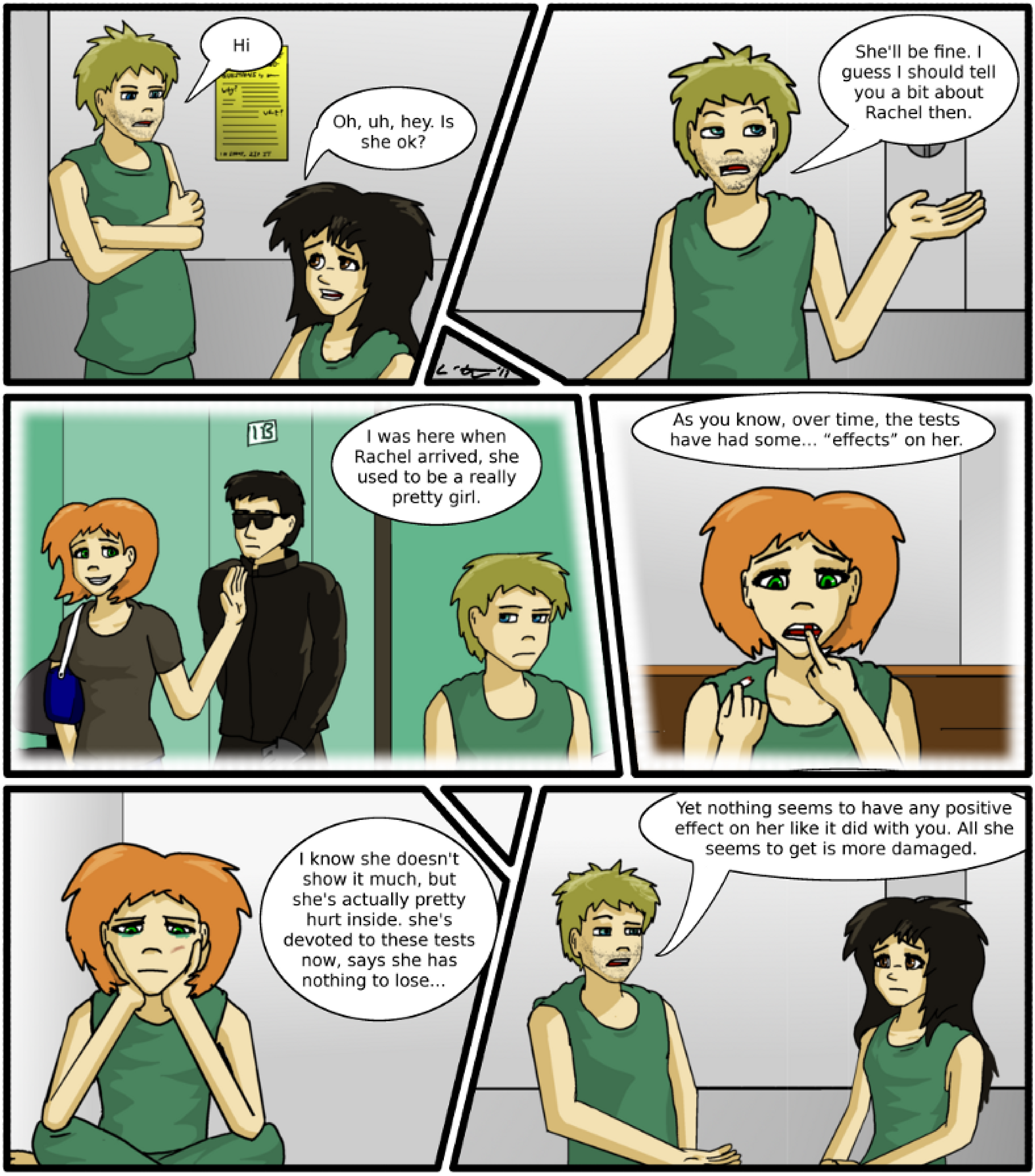

Right then Miss Green, we're just going to need a blood sample to see what's going on with you.
Oh, ok, I guess.
Ok, just a tiny scratch, though you've done all this before.
I... Aah!.. I have?
Lw '11
Of course! You've already been here, remember?
SAMPLE DELIVERY TUBE
Right...
Now, if you don't mind, I'd like to run a couple of tests while your blood goes off for testing?
Oh, um... Ok?
Don't worry, I'm sure they're absolutely harmless!

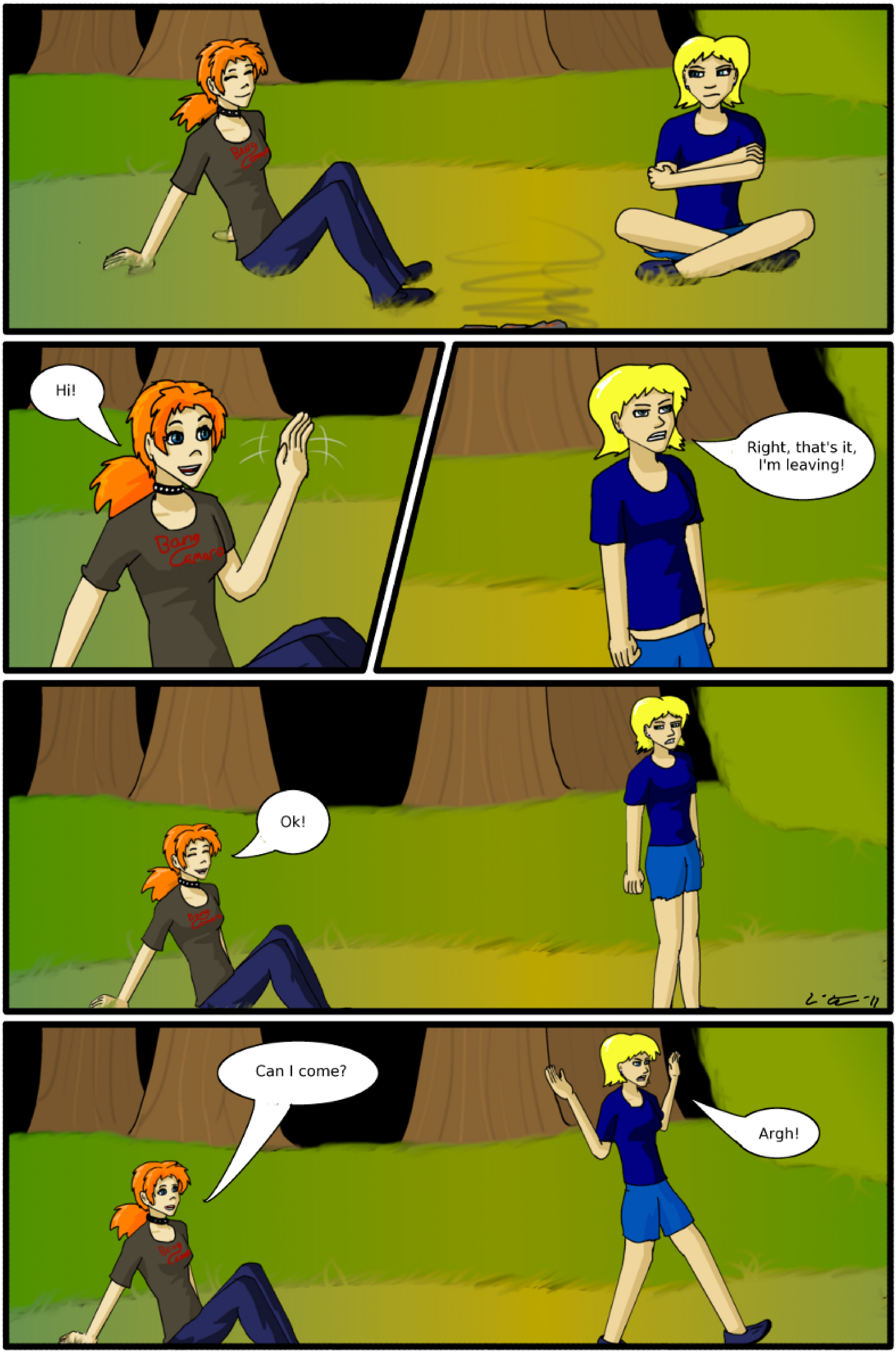

...
Ey, Geral' you better not be playin' jokes on tha' poor girl!
Uh...
Yes?..
Sorry, Miss Green, do excuse me for a moment...
?
C'mon, man, she jus' got here... Again.
But, I wasn't...
Yeah well I know tha' but I only jus' got her to stay, play it slow!
Um... Rachel, Are you ok?
Yeeeah'm fiiiine, s'Jus' few side effects, s'nothin!
KER-FLOP!

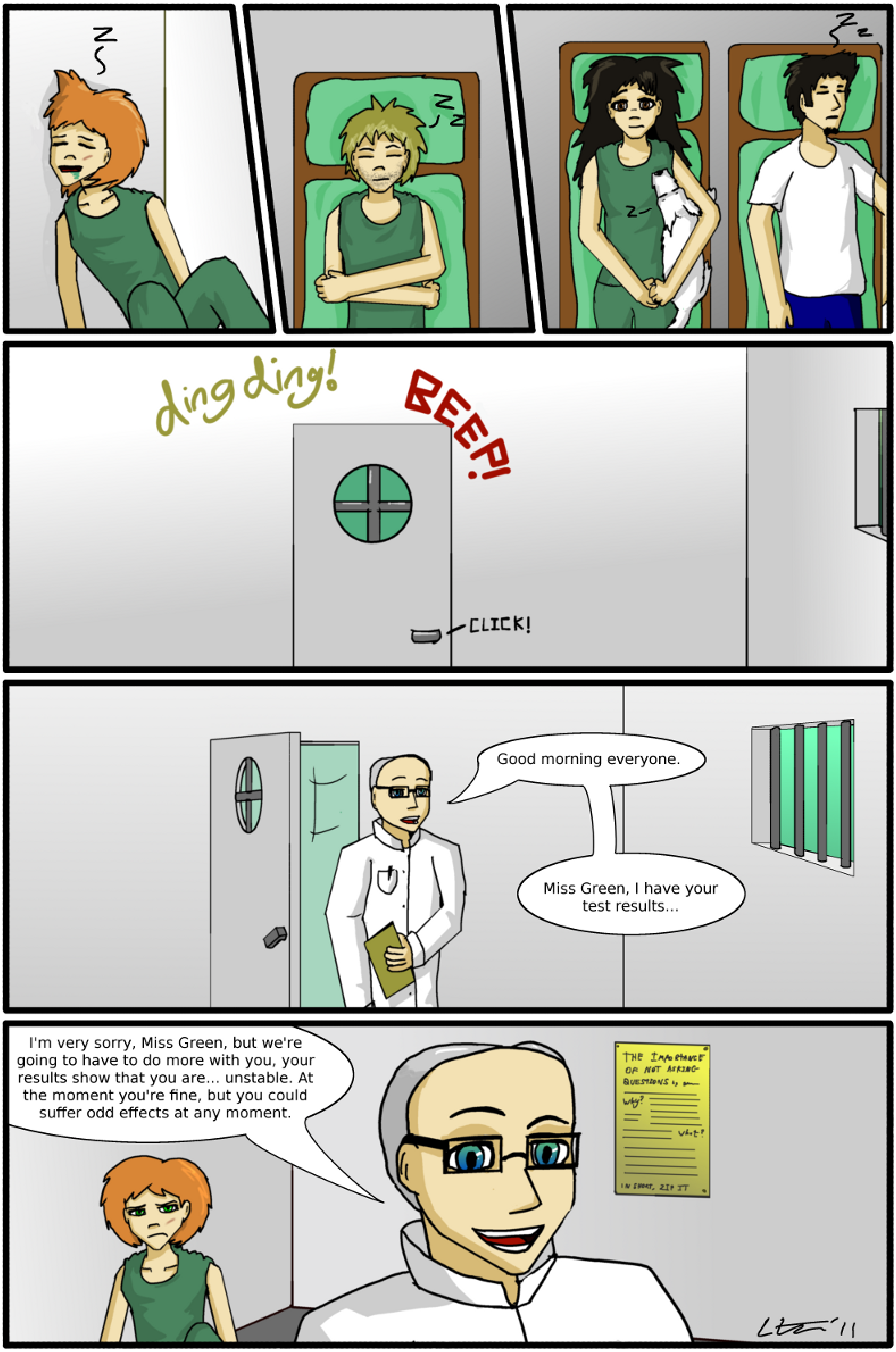

Ok, I'm sorry for the uh... Joke, Samantha, please, here, join your friend, this is where you'll be staying.
Mike!
Are you ok? What was he talking about?
I'm fine. It... It doesn't matter!
Z
SNORE
What's up with her?
Oh that's just the side effects of whatever she was given.
That can't be a good sign, right?
Z
S
CLICK!
No...
Did... Did that door just lock?
SNORK!

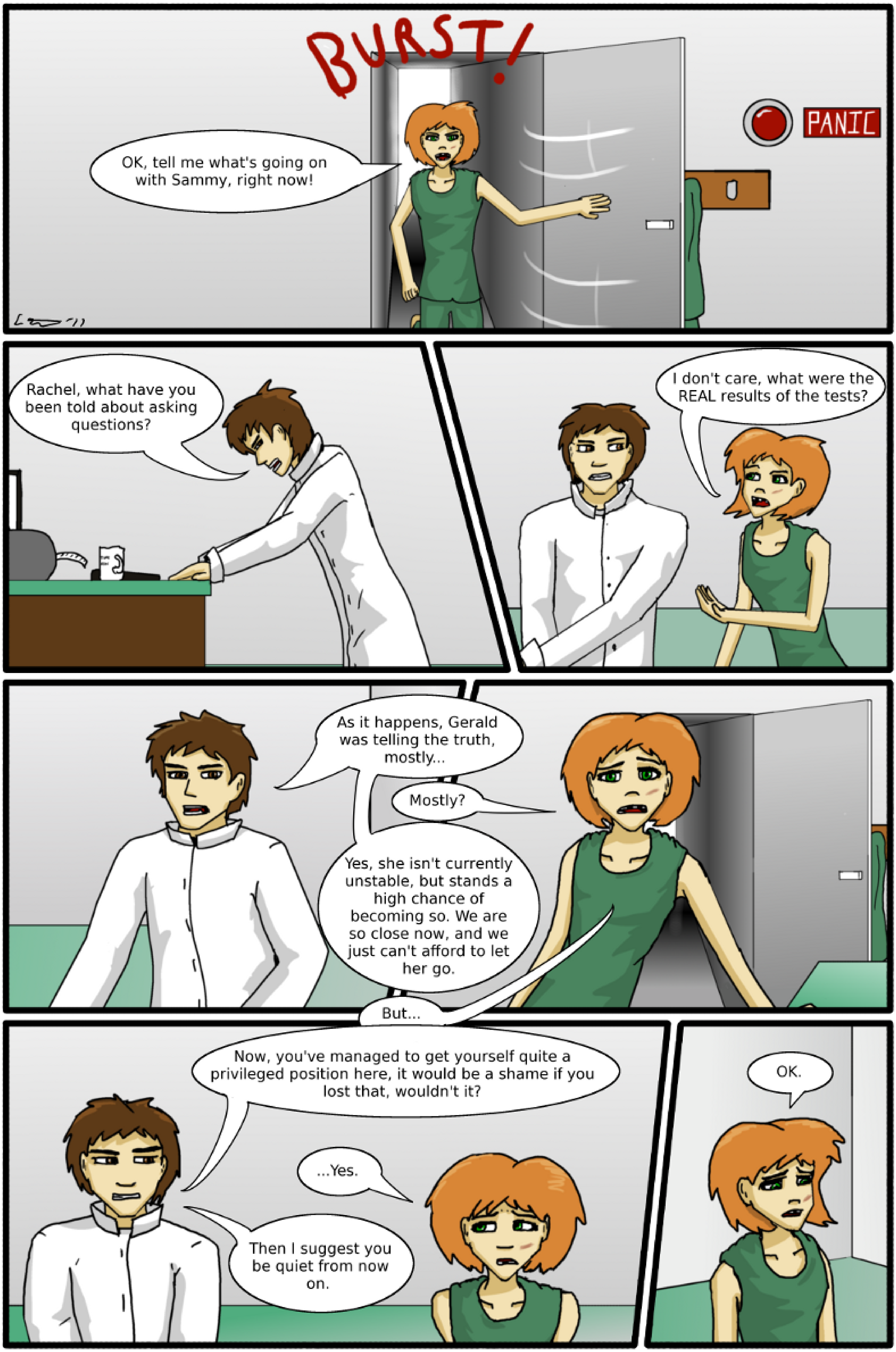

Yup, It's locked!
SUBJECT CHAMBERS
5-A
LOCK
RATTLE
Mike, I'm beginning to wonder if you were right; maybe we should run, that wasn't just a normal blood test. He said he was joking but I think he wanted to do some sort of experiment on me, like whatever Rachel's been doing.
Huh?
Uh huh, so what happened?
?
Well, Rachel came in and stopped him...
...I don't know, I think she knows more than she wants to tell us. She seems friendly, but I'm pretty sure she's hiding something from us.
EEP!
I just wanted to know what's going on with me... I don't want to be an experiment.

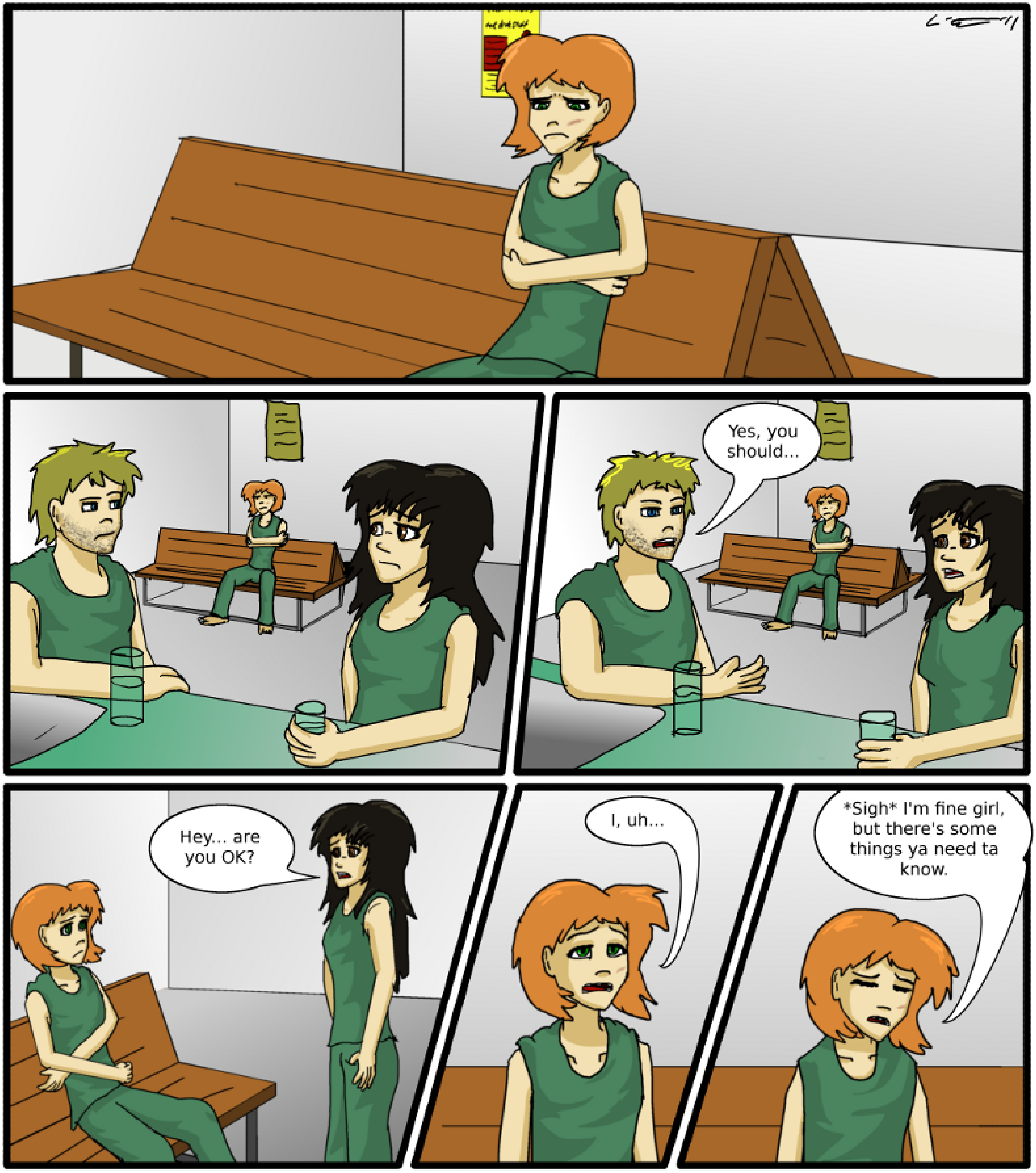

Uh, hey Sugar...
Woah!
Oh, h... Hey Rachel, how long have you been awake?
Long enough... Look, I know you don't trust me, and... you're right, there is more going on here that we haven't told you about. I still can't...
...But please, just wait and see what your test results are at least, just so you know you'll be alright?
OK, It's just that I don't want to end up... uh...
Oh gosh, I'm sorry! I don't want to offend you, I didn't mean to!
It... It's OK.
I... Have to go now.

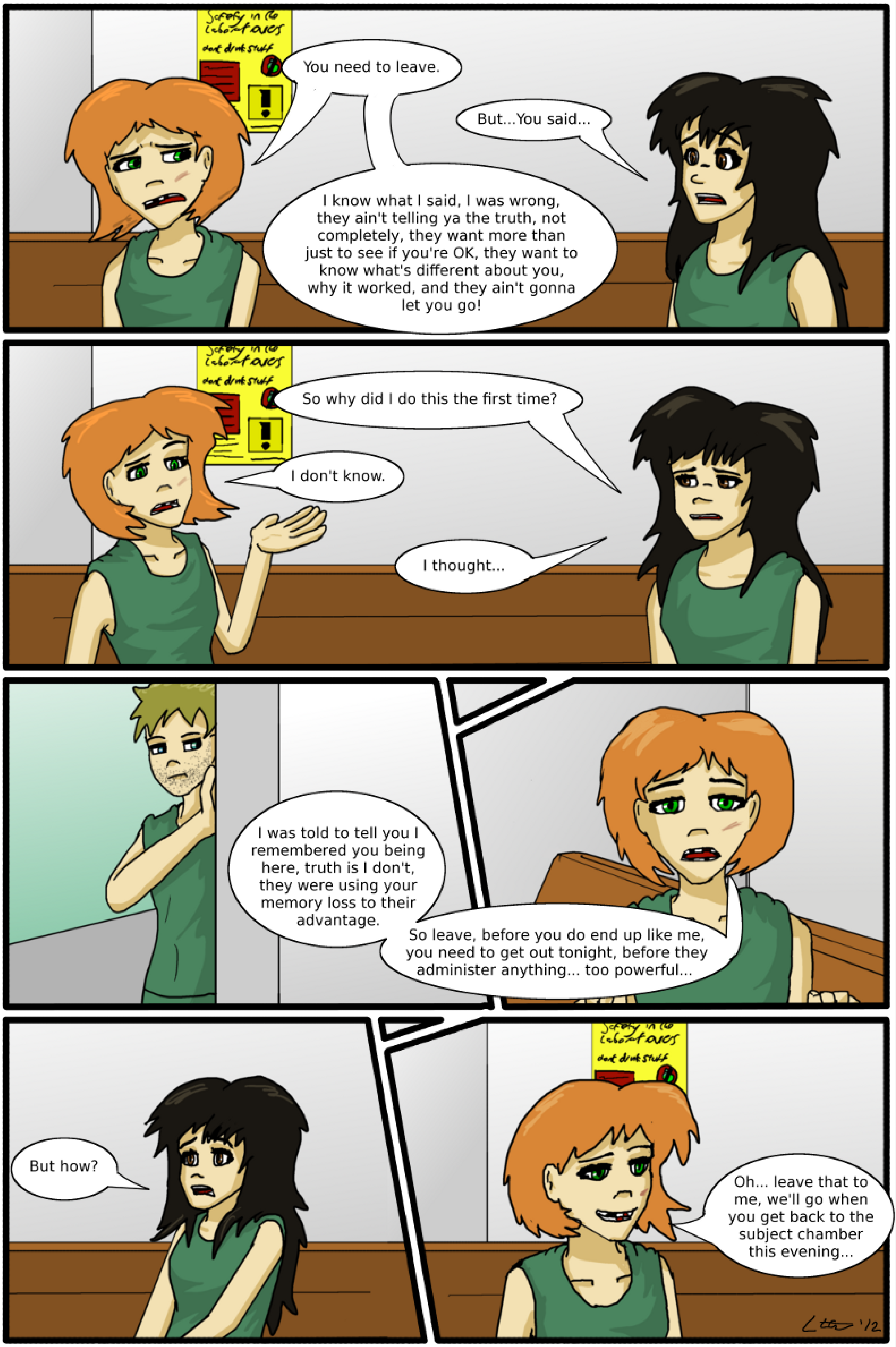

Hi
Oh, uh, hey. Is she ok?
She'll be fine. I guess I should tell you a bit about Rachel then.
I was here when Rachel arrived, she used to be a really pretty girl.
As you know, over time, the tests have had some... "effects" on her.
I know she doesn't show it much, but she's actually pretty hurt inside. she's devoted to these tests now, says she has nothing to lose...
Yet nothing seems to have any positive effect on her like it did with you. All she seems to get is more damaged.


Hi!
Bang Camera
Right, that's it, I'm leaving!
Ok!
Can I come?
Argh!


Z Z
Z Z
Z Z
Z-
ding ding!
BEEP!
CLICK!
Good morning everyone.
Miss Green, I have your test results...
I'm very sorry, Miss Green, but we're going to have to do more with you, your results show that you are... unstable. At the moment you're fine, but you could suffer odd effects at any moment.
THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ASKING QUESTIONS
why?
what?
IN SHORT, ZIP IT
'11


BURST!
PANIC
OK, tell me what's going on with Sammy, right now!
Rachel, what have you been told about asking questions?
I don't care, what were the REAL results of the tests?
As it happens, Gerald was telling the truth, mostly...
Mostly?
Yes, she isn't currently unstable, but stands a high chance of becoming so. We are so close now, and we just can't afford to let her go.
But...
Now, you've managed to get yourself quite a privileged position here, it would be a shame if you lost that, wouldn't it?
...Yes.
Then I suggest you be quiet from now on.
OK.


Yes, you should...
Hey... are you OK?
I, uh...
Sigh I'm fine girl, but there's some things ya need ta know.


Safety in the laboratories
dont drink stuff
You need to leave.
But...You said...
I know what I said, I was wrong, they ain't telling ya the truth, not completely, they want more than just to see if you're OK, they want to know what's different about you, why it worked, and they ain't gonna let you go!
So why did I do this the first time?
I don't know.
I thought...
I was told to tell you I remembered you being here, truth is I don't, they were using your memory loss to their advantage.
So leave, before you do end up like me, you need to get out tonight, before they administer anything... too powerful...
But how?
Oh... leave that to me, we'll go when you get back to the subject chamber this evening...
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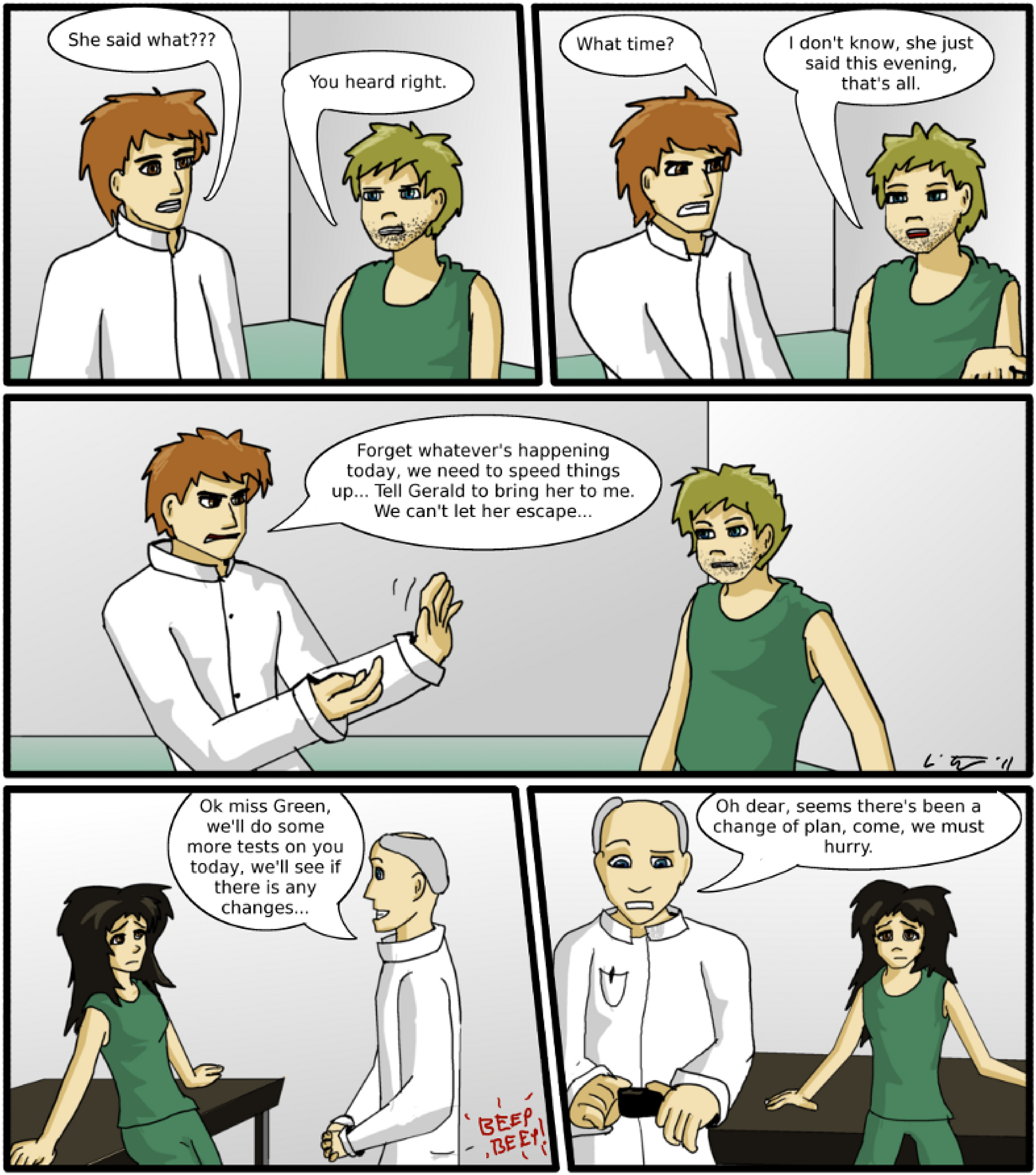
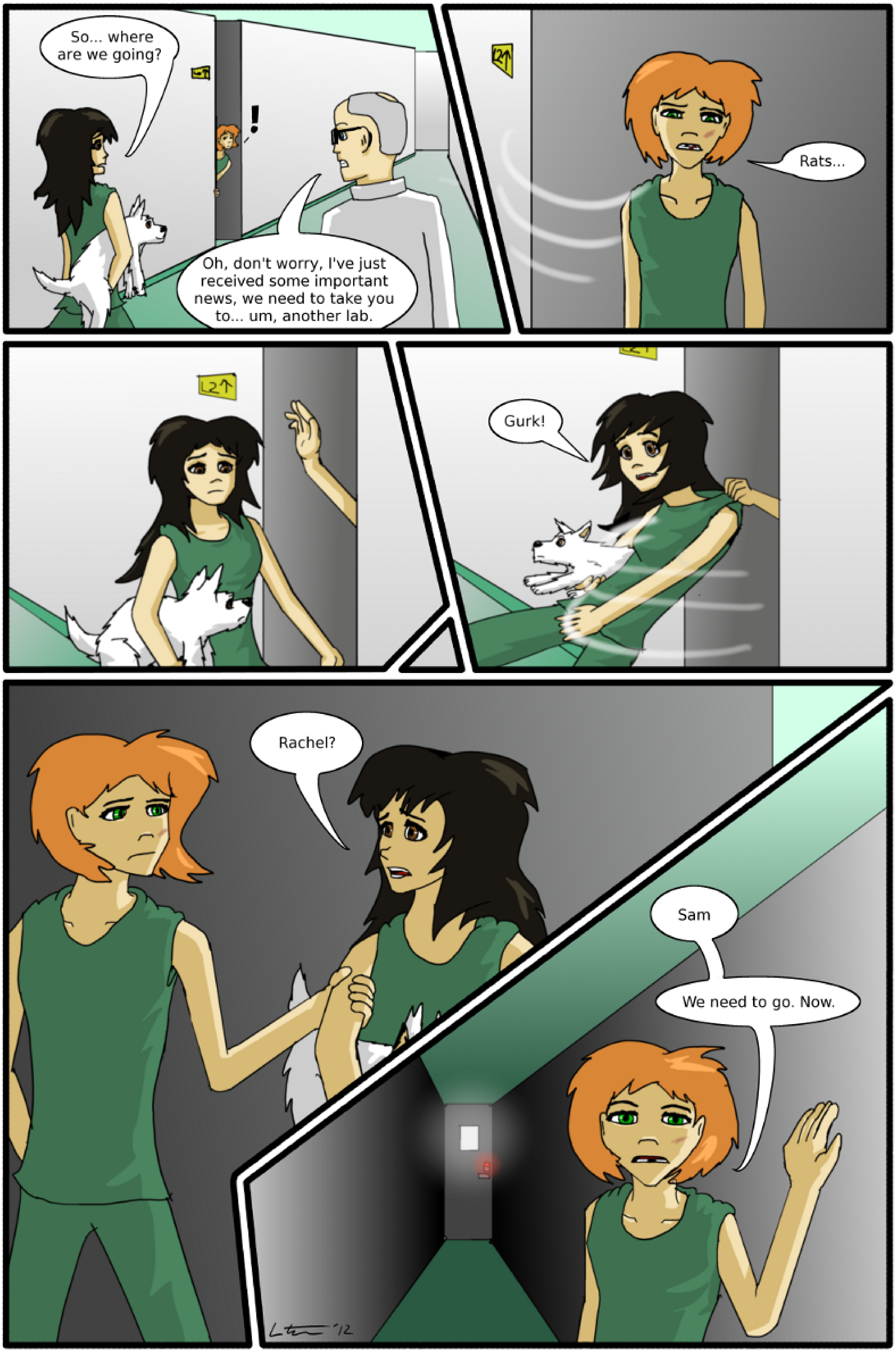

She said what???
You heard right.
What time?
I don't know, she just said this evening, that's all.
Forget whatever's happening today, we need to speed things up... Tell Gerald to bring her to me. We can't let her escape...
Ok miss Green, we'll do some more tests on you today, we'll see if there is any changes...
BEEP BEEP!
Oh dear, seems there's been a change of plan, come, we must hurry.


So... where are we going?
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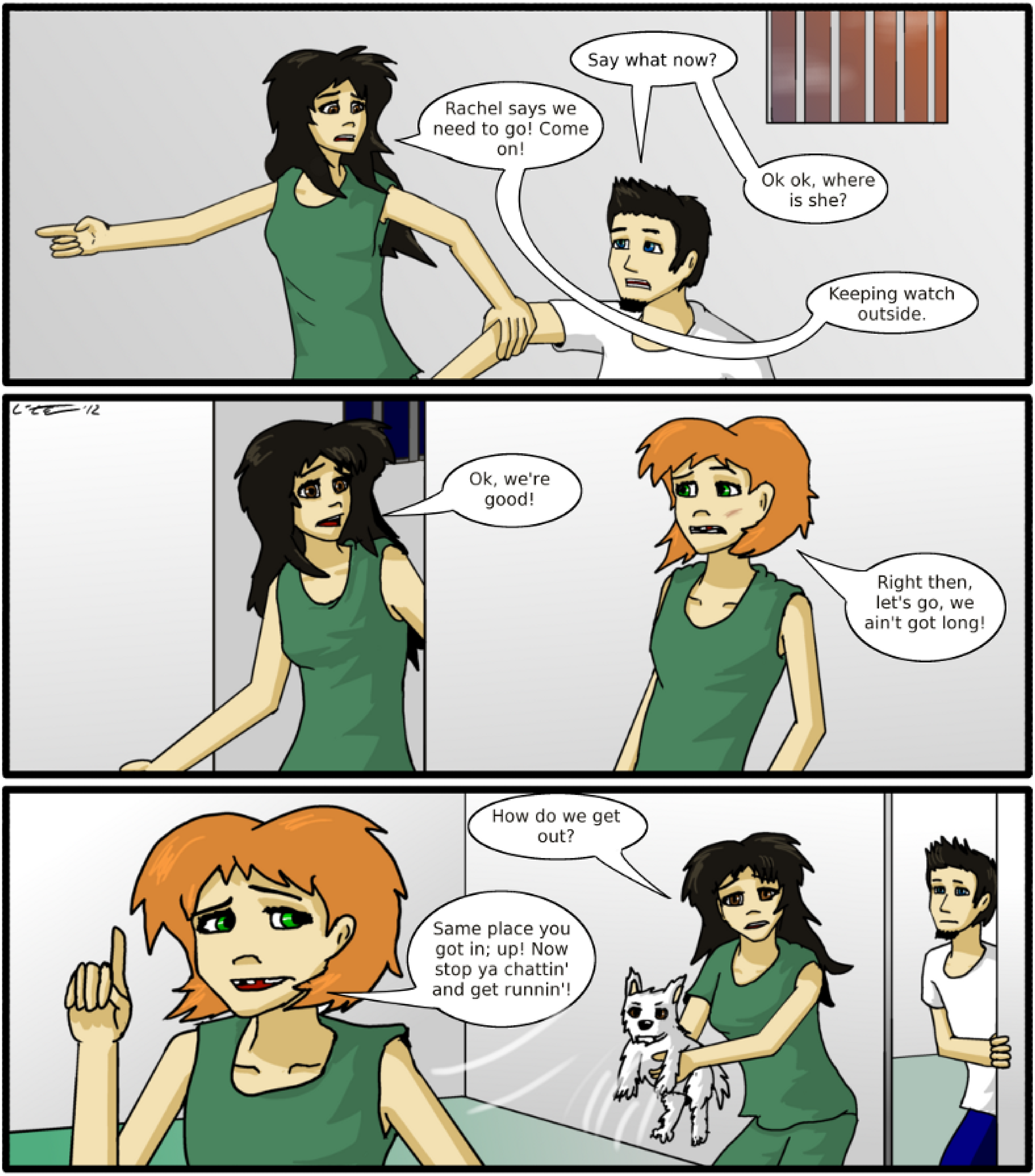
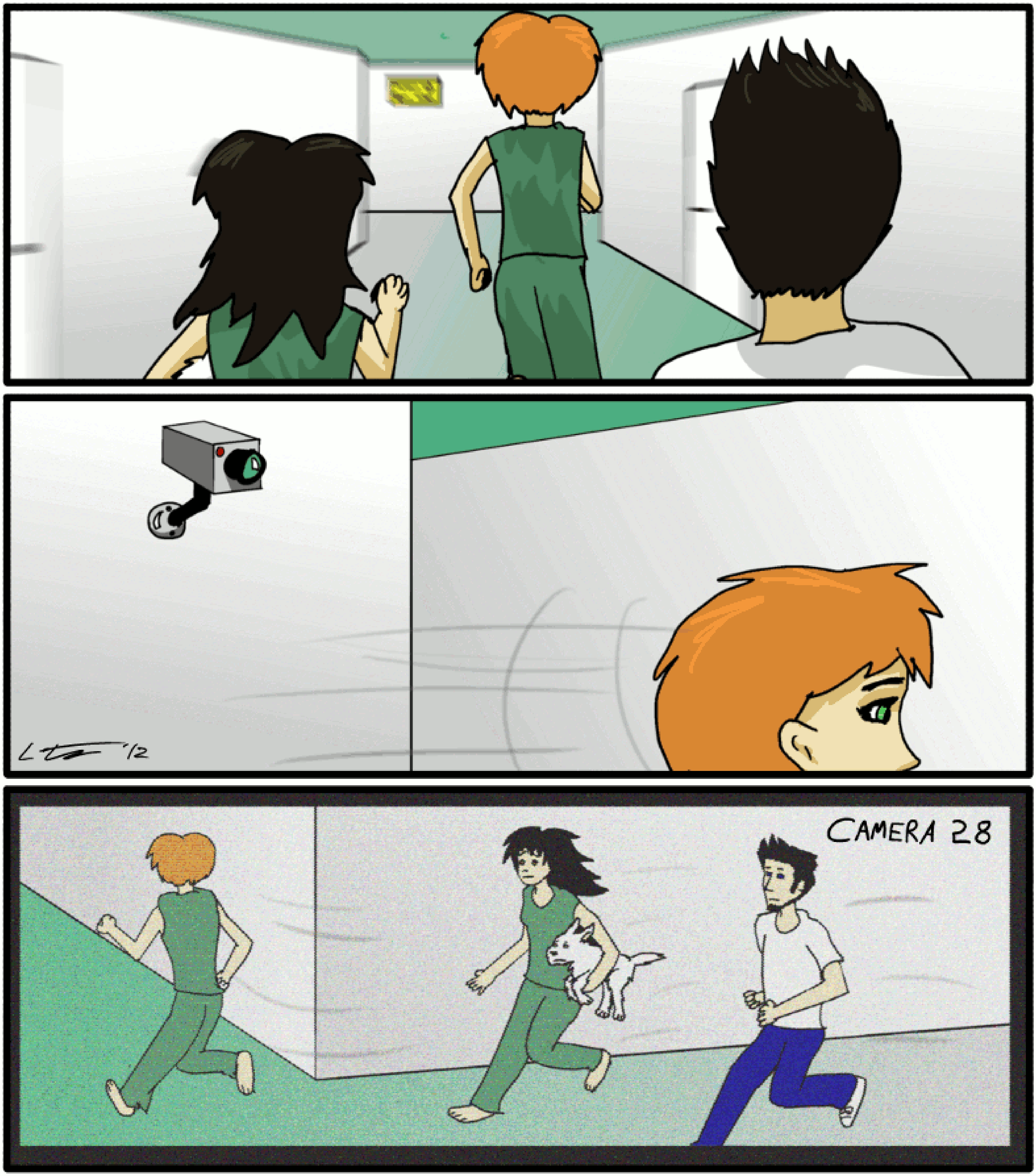
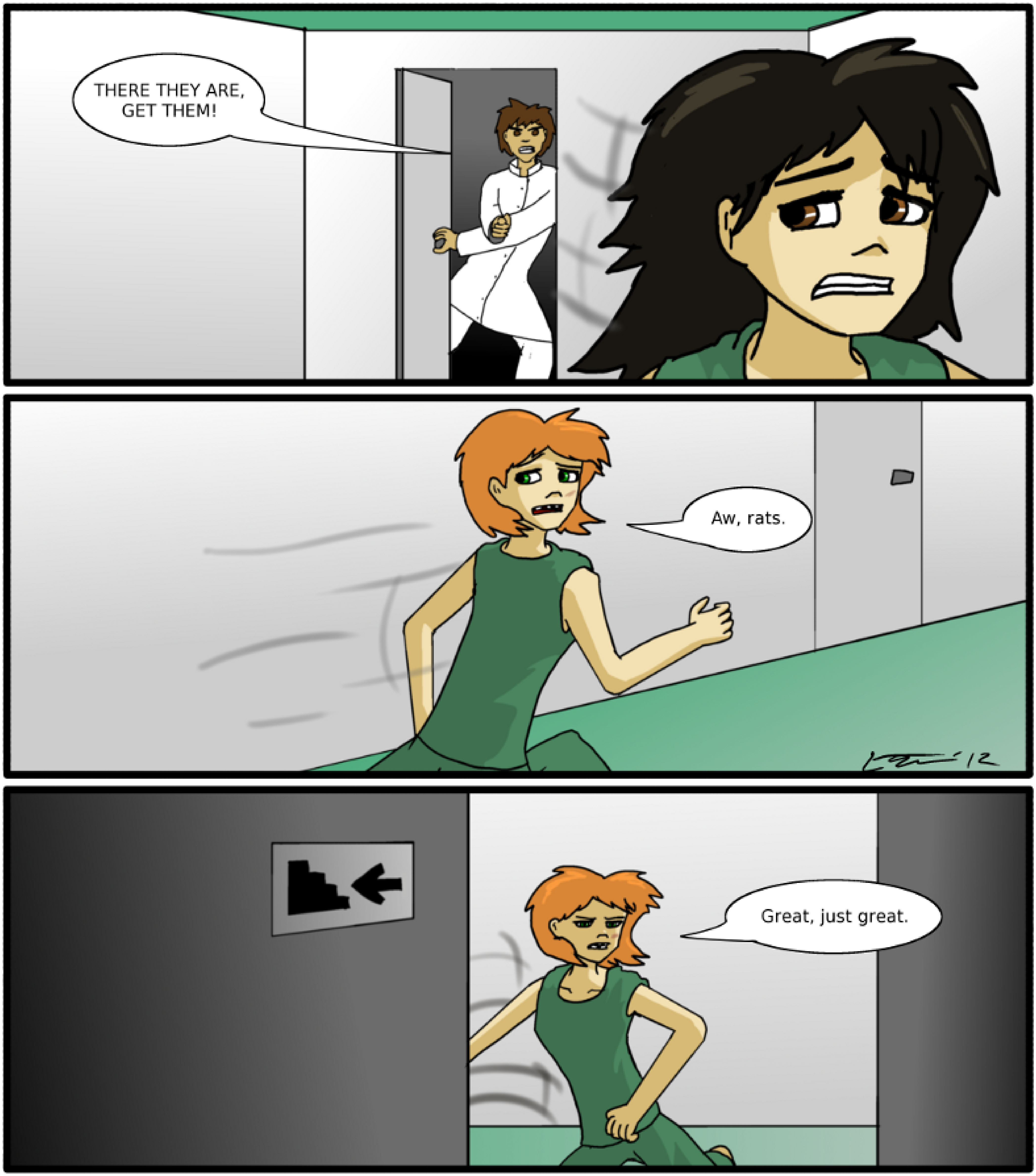
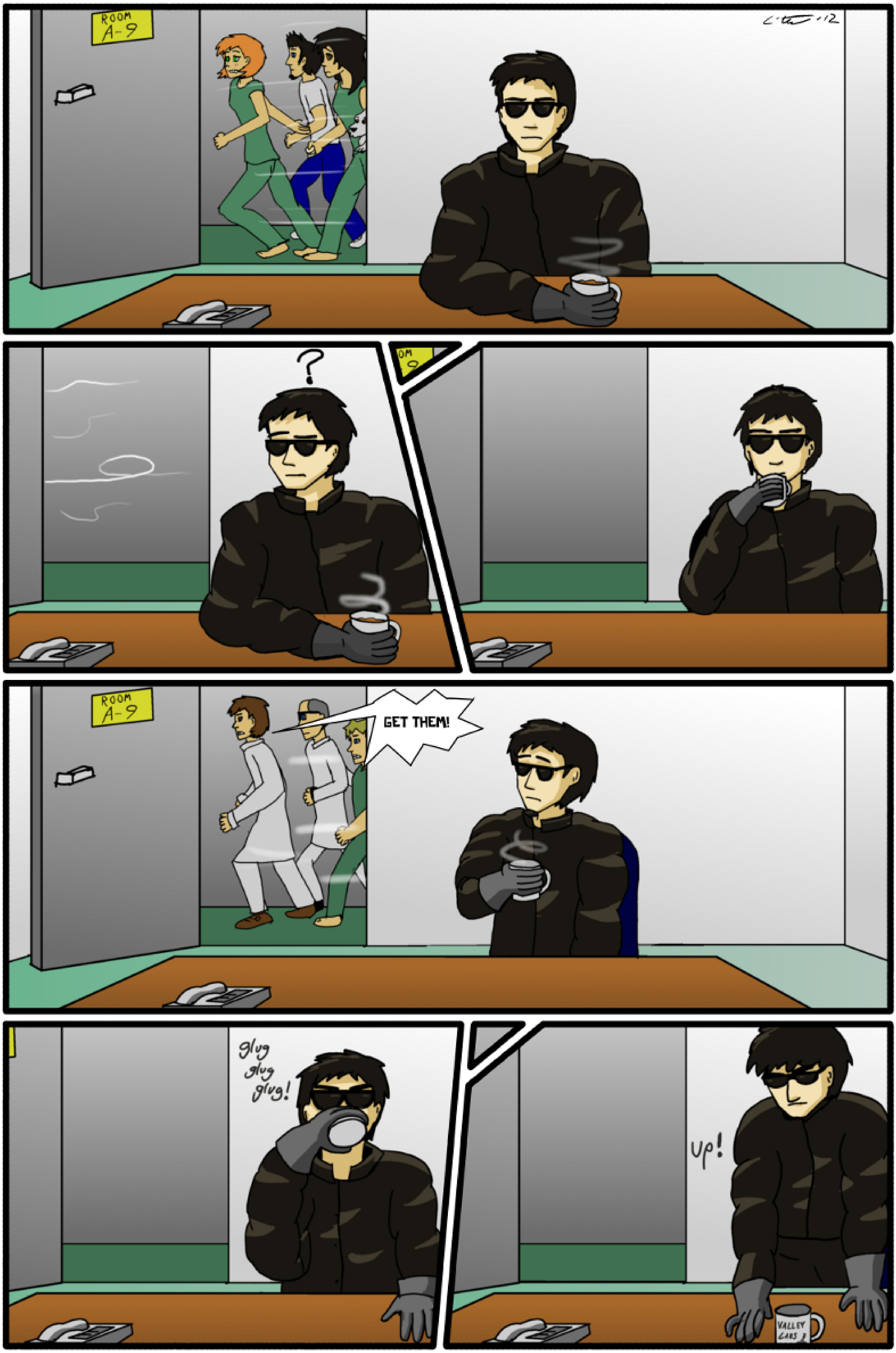
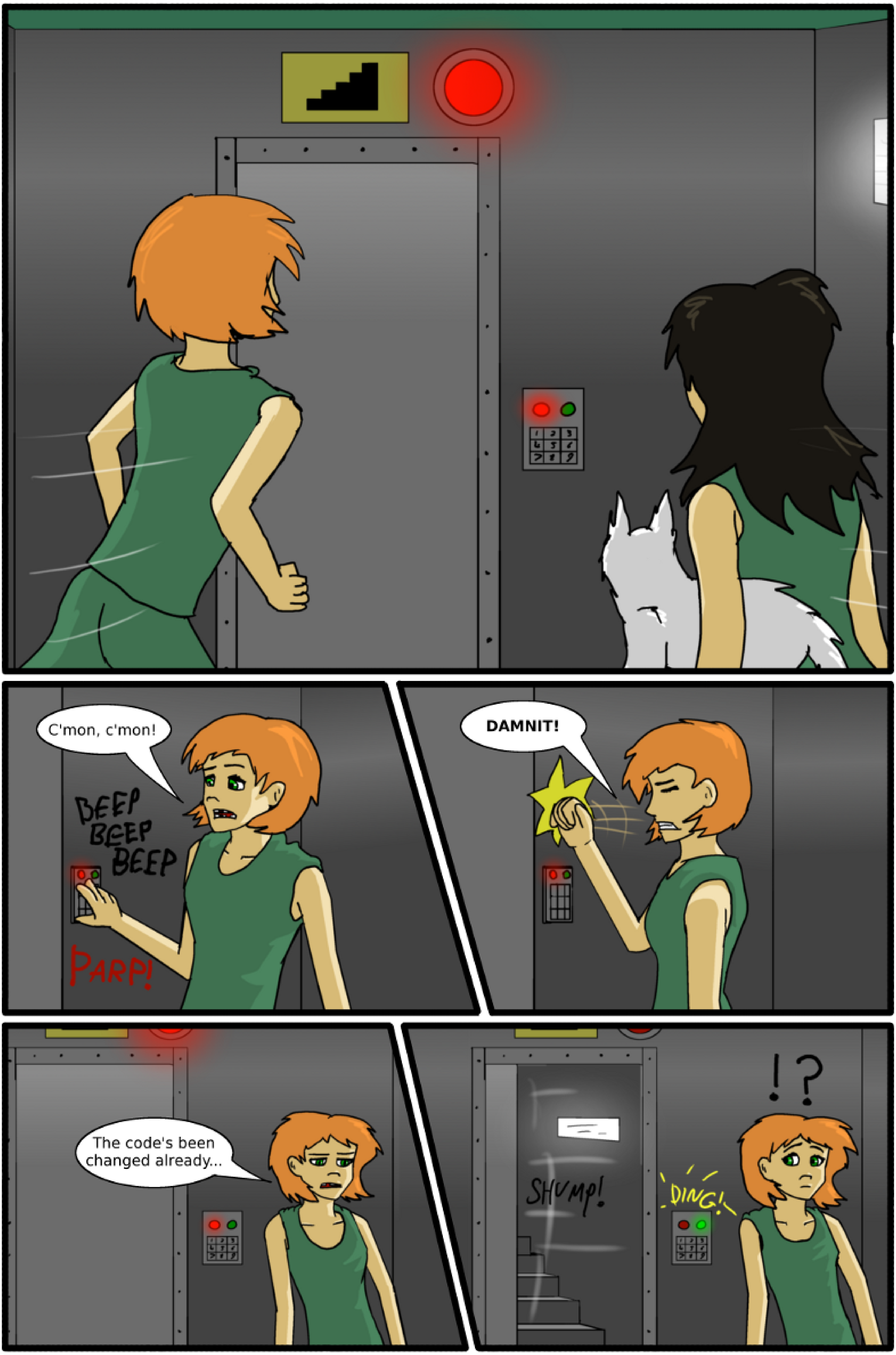
Oh, don't worry, I've just received some important news, we need to take you to... um, another lab.
L2↑
Rats...
L2↑
Gurk!
Rachel?
Sam
We need to go. Now.


Rachel says we need to go! Come on!
Say what now?
Ok ok, where is she?
Keeping watch outside.
LEE '12
Ok, we're good!
Right then, let's go, we ain't got long!
How do we get out?
Same place you got in; up! Now stop ya chattin' and get runnin'!

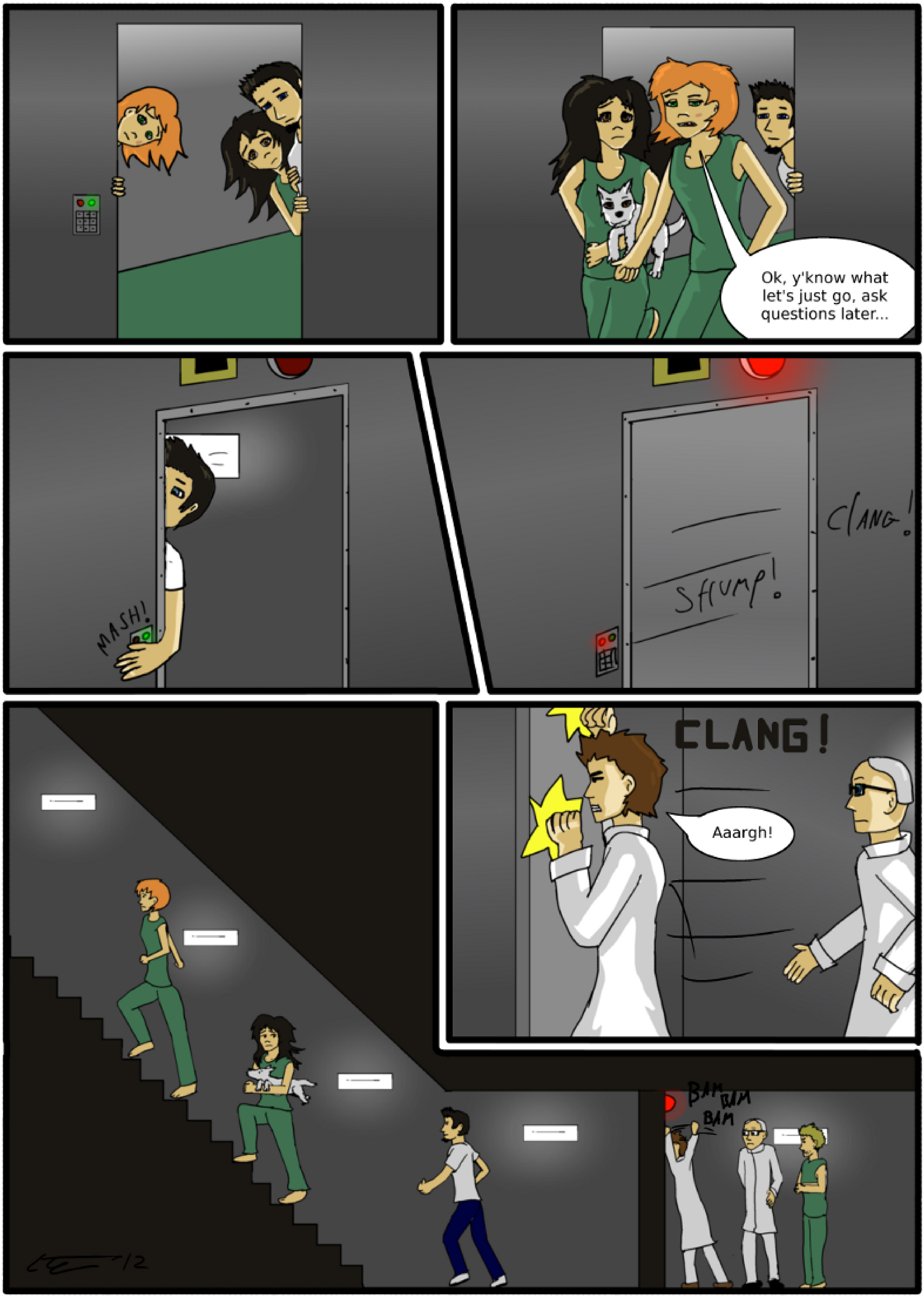

CAMERA 28

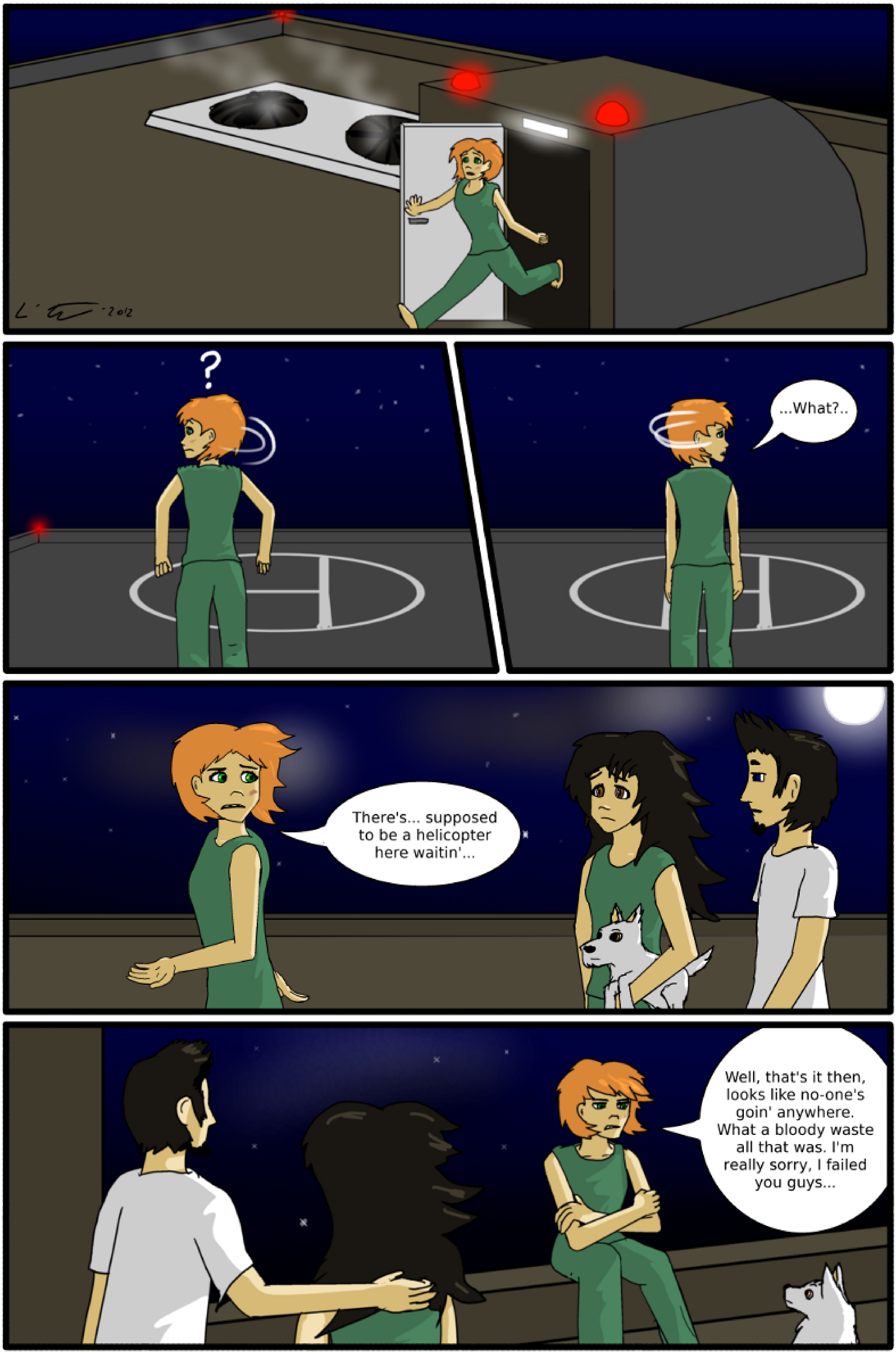

THERE THEY ARE, GET THEM!
Aw, rats.
Great, just great.


ROOM A-9
?
ROOM A-9
GET THEM!
glug glug glug!
Up!
VALLEY CARS



C'mon, c'mon!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
PARP!
DAMNIT!
The code's been changed already...
SHUMP!
DING!
!?


Ok, y'know what let's just go, ask questions later...
MASH!
SHUMP!
CLANG!
CLANG!
Aaargh!
BAM BAM BAM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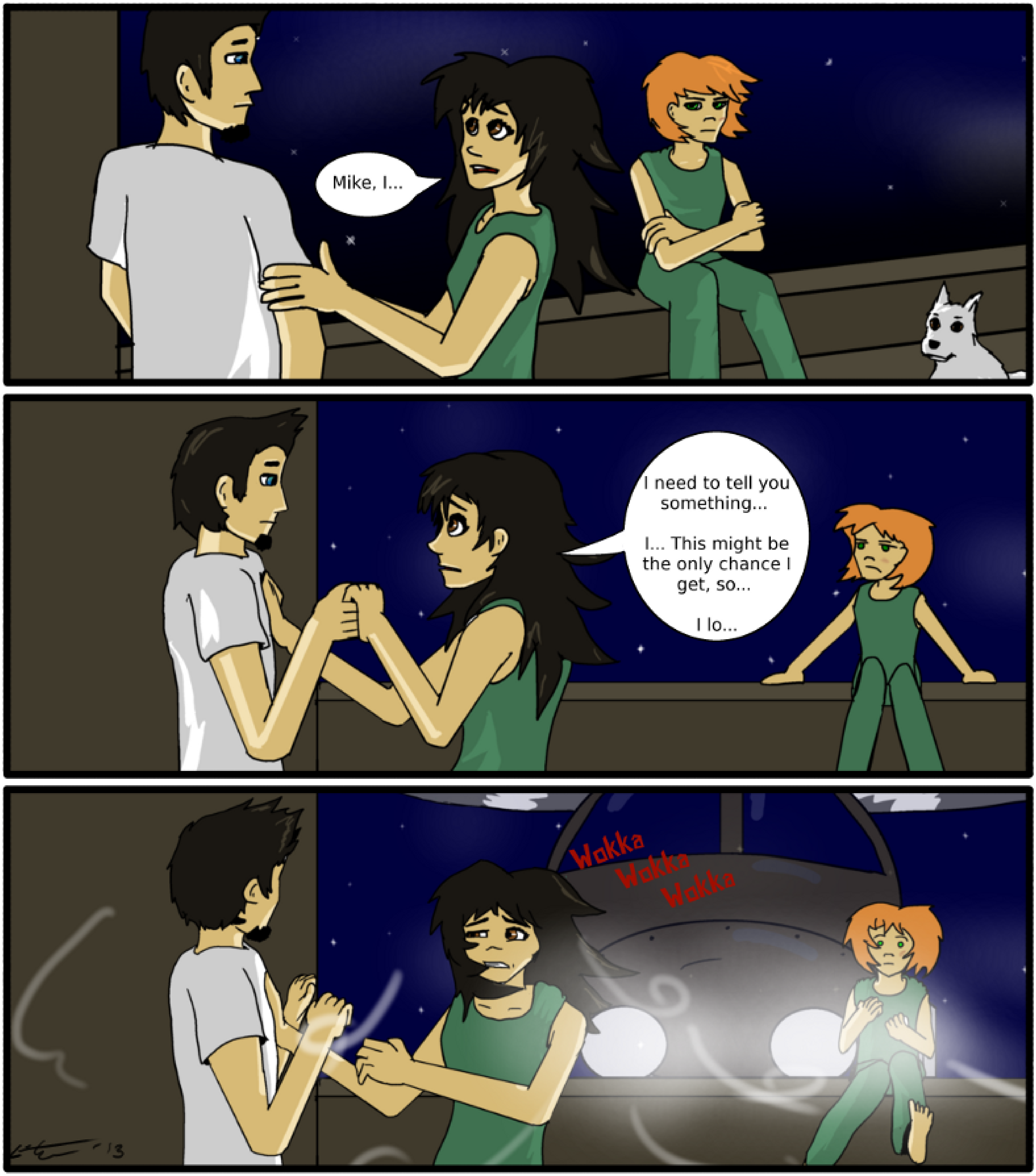
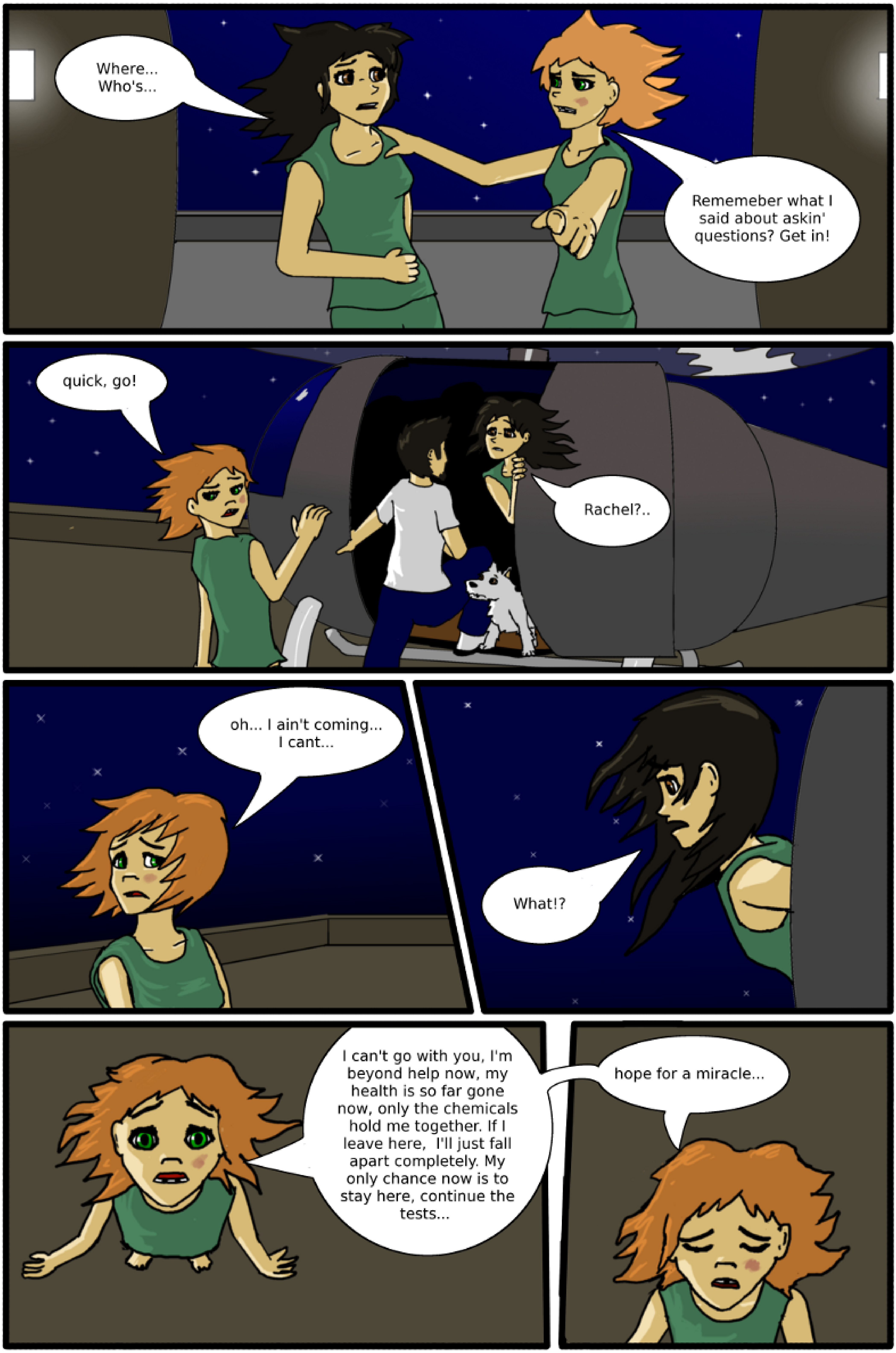
...What?..
There's... supposed to be a helicopter here waitin'...
Well, that's it then, looks like no-one's goin' anywhere. What a bloody waste all that was. I'm really sorry, I failed you guys...


Mike, I...
I need to tell you something...

I... This might be the only chance I get, so...

I lo...
Wokka Wokka Wokka


Where...
Who's...
Rememeber what I said about askin' questions? Get in!
quick, go!
Rachel?..
oh... I ain't coming... I cant...
What!?
I can't go with you, I'm beyond help now, my health is so far gone now, only the chemicals hold me together. If I leave here, I'll just fall apart completely. My only chance now is to stay here, continue the tests...
hope for a miracle...

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
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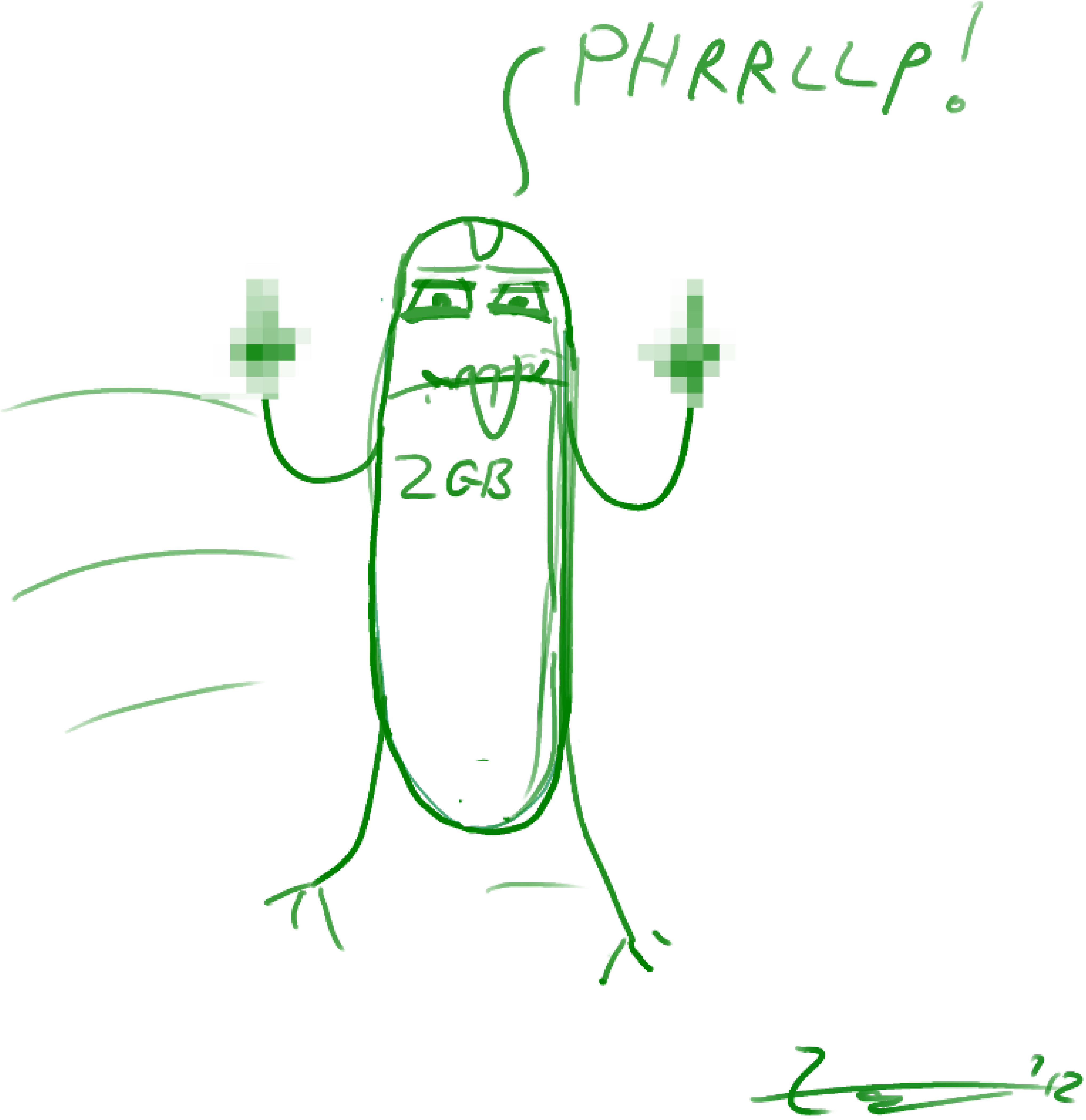
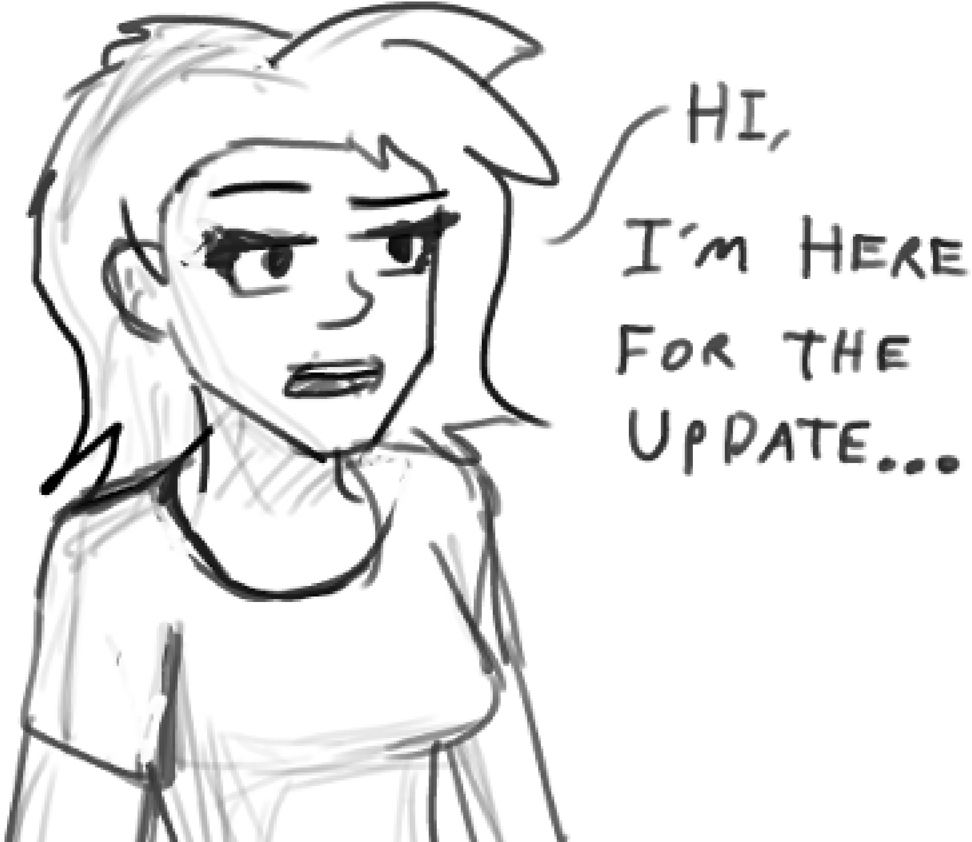
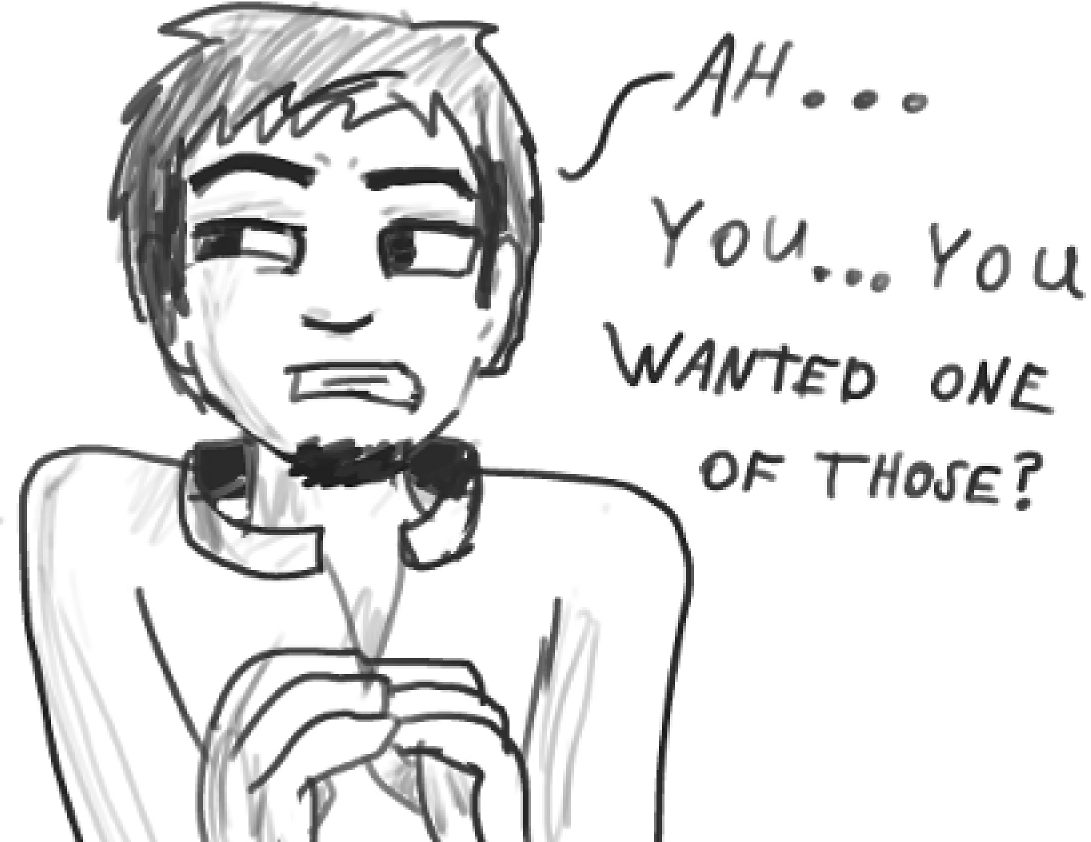
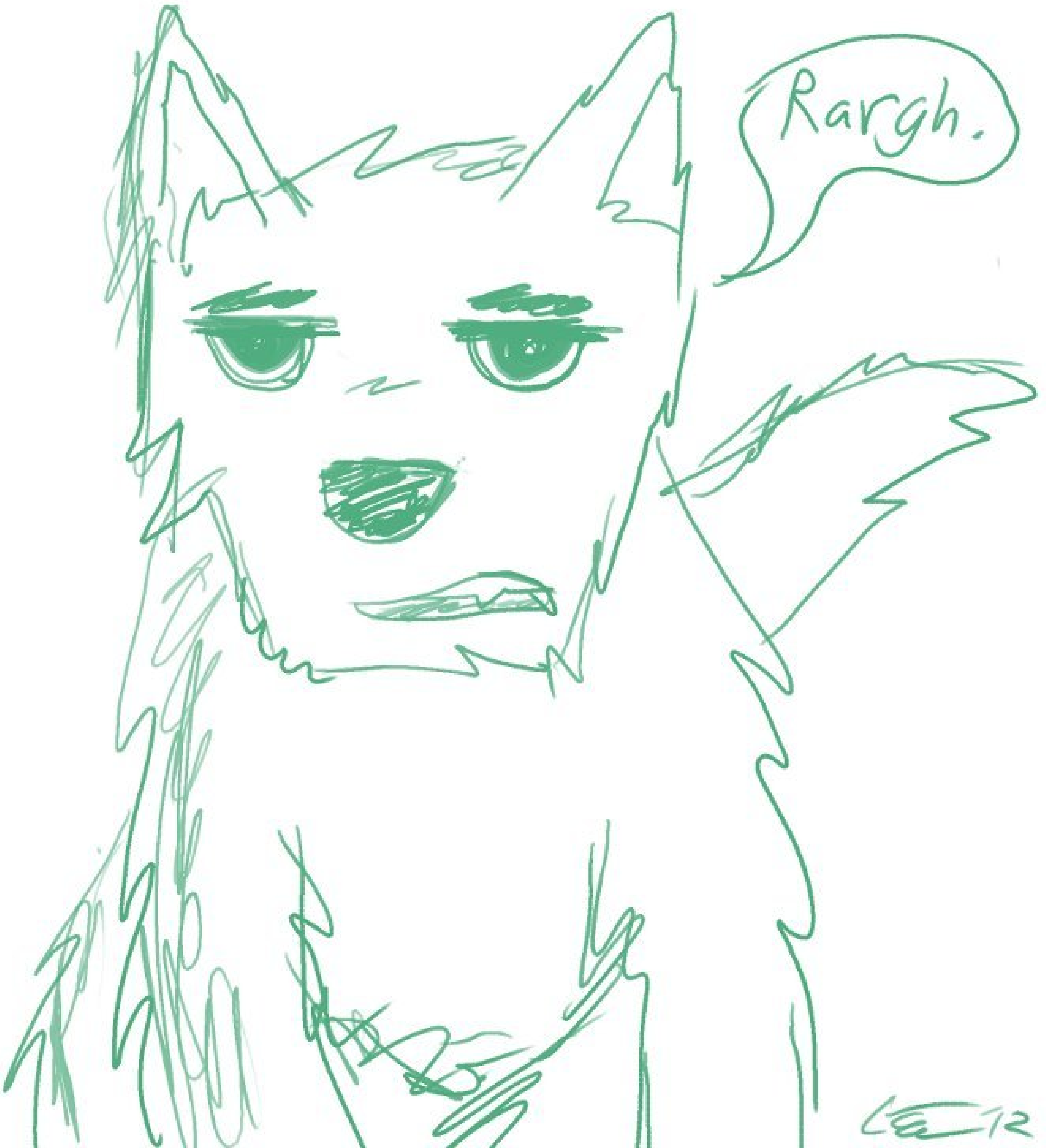
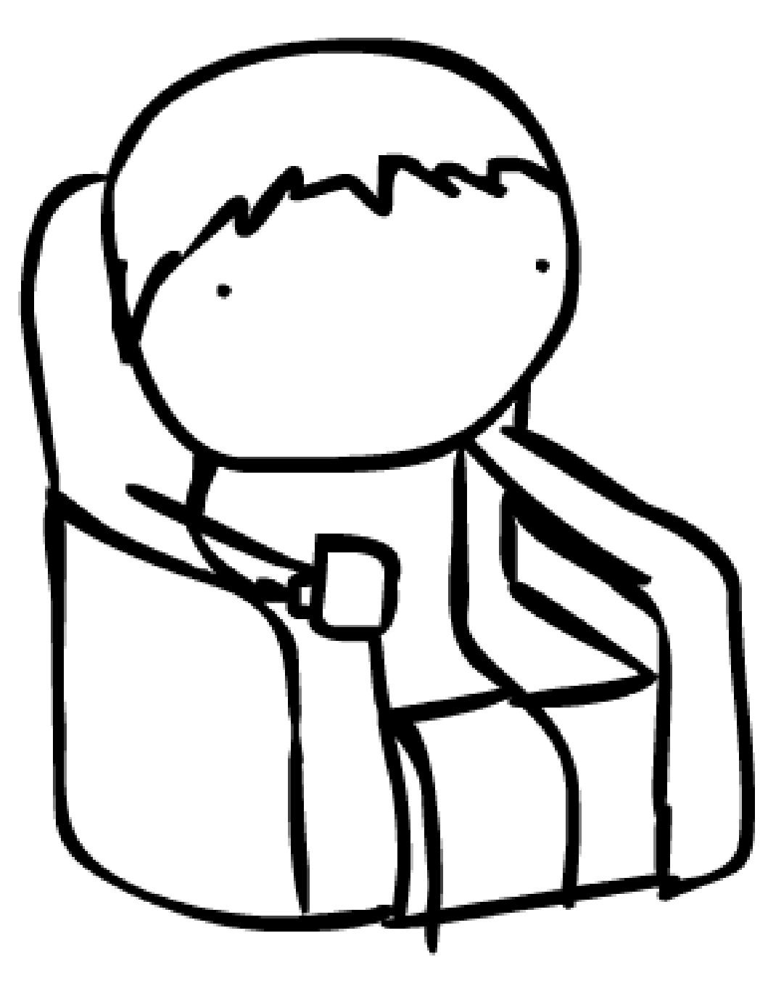

PHRRLLP!
2GB
'12


HI,
I'M HERE FOR THE UPDATE...

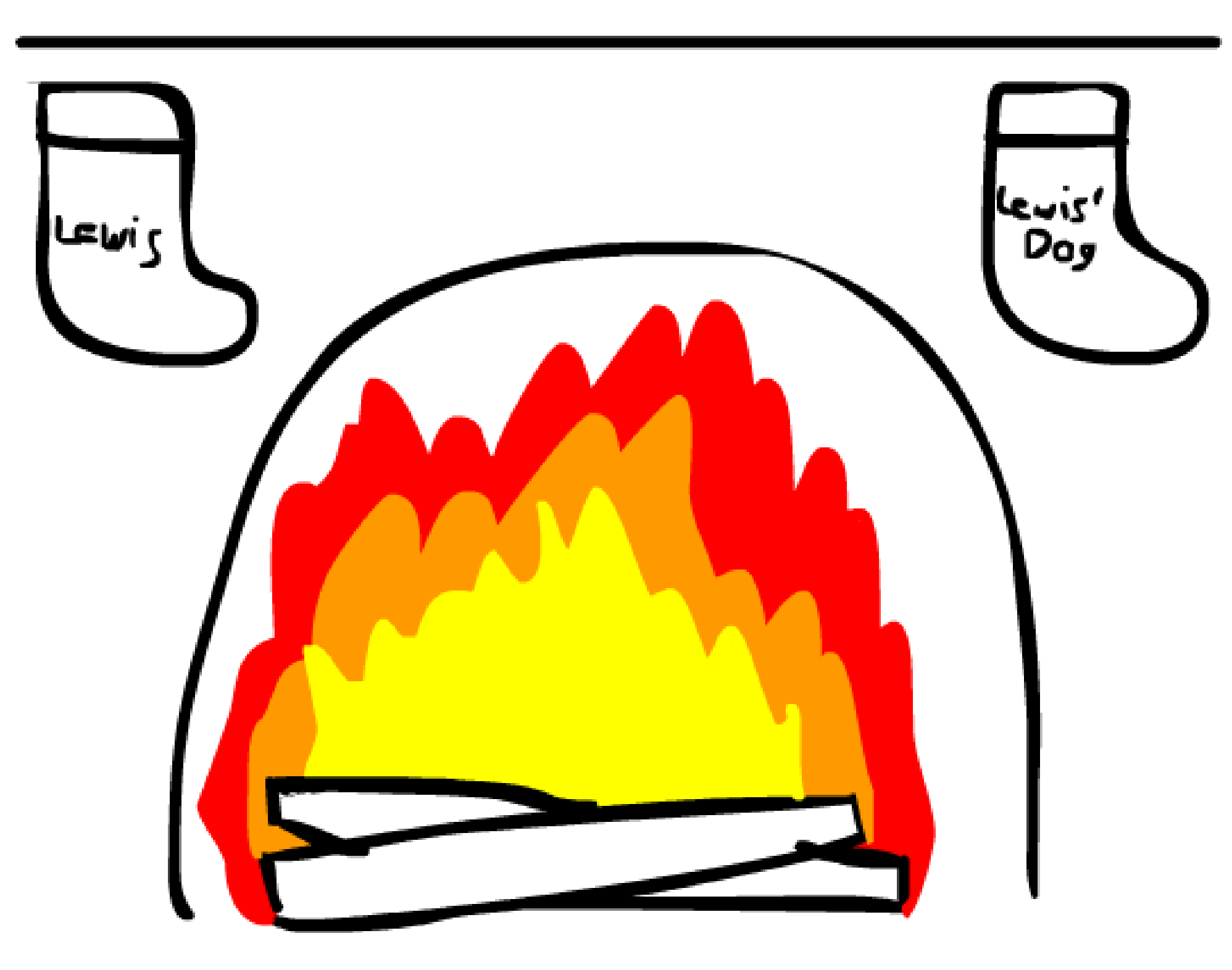

AH...
YOU... YOU WANTED ONE OF THOSE?


Rargh.

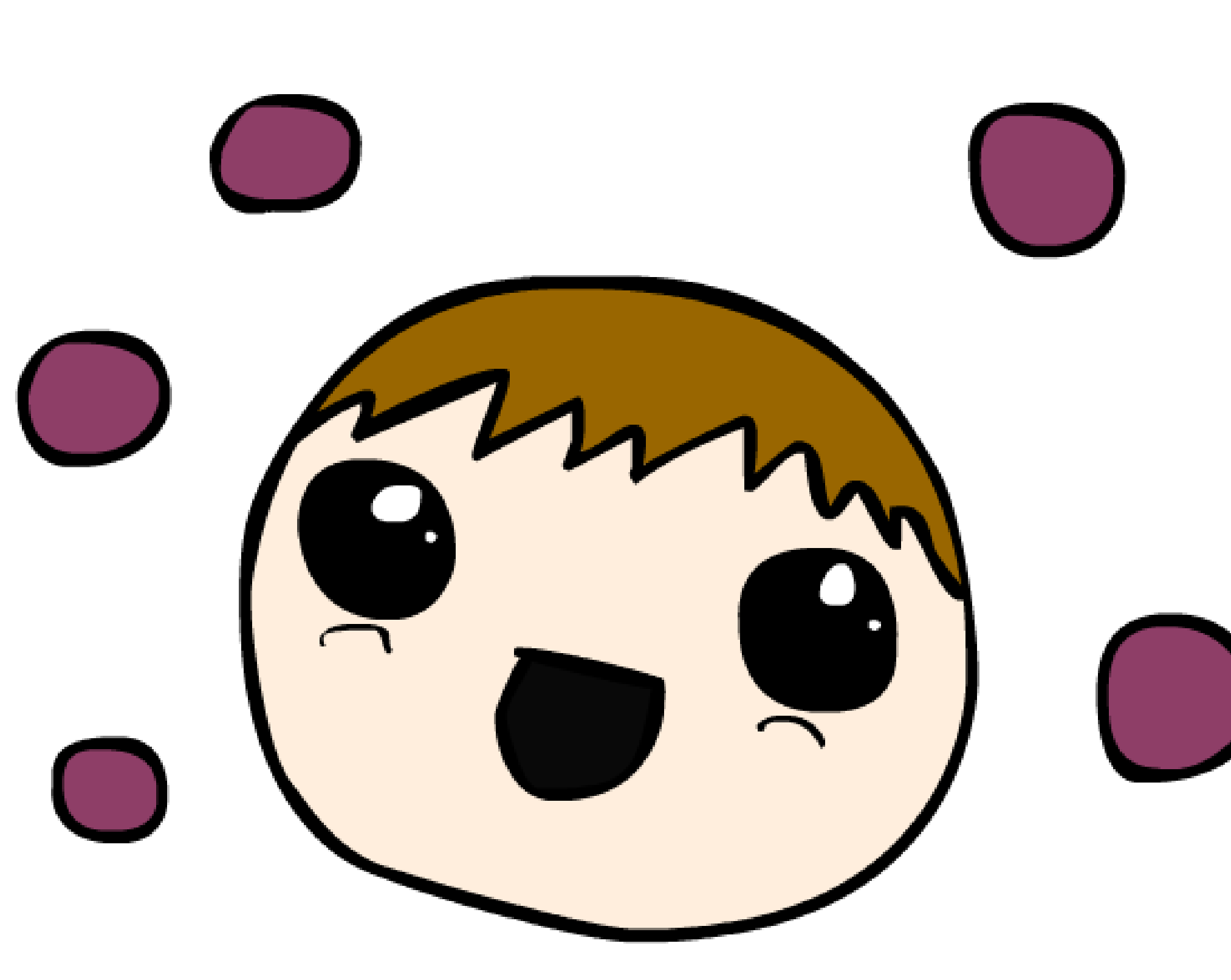
Twas the night before Christmas, AKA Christmas Eve.
Not a creature was stirring – except Lewis T.



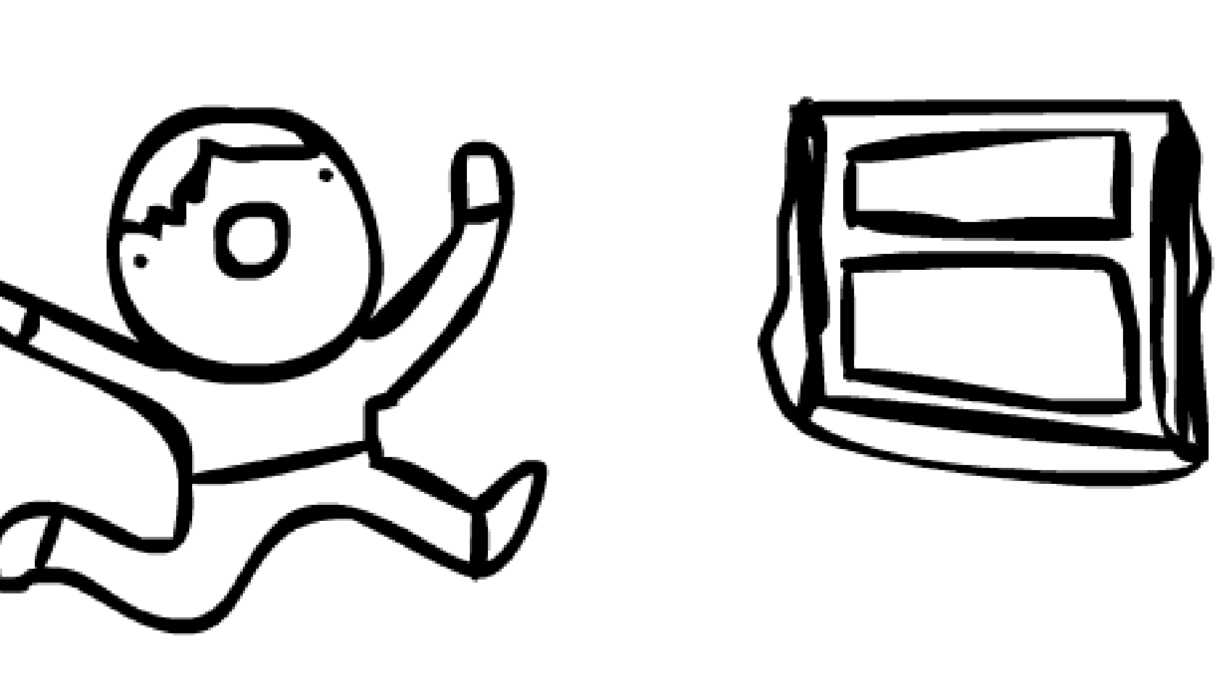
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.



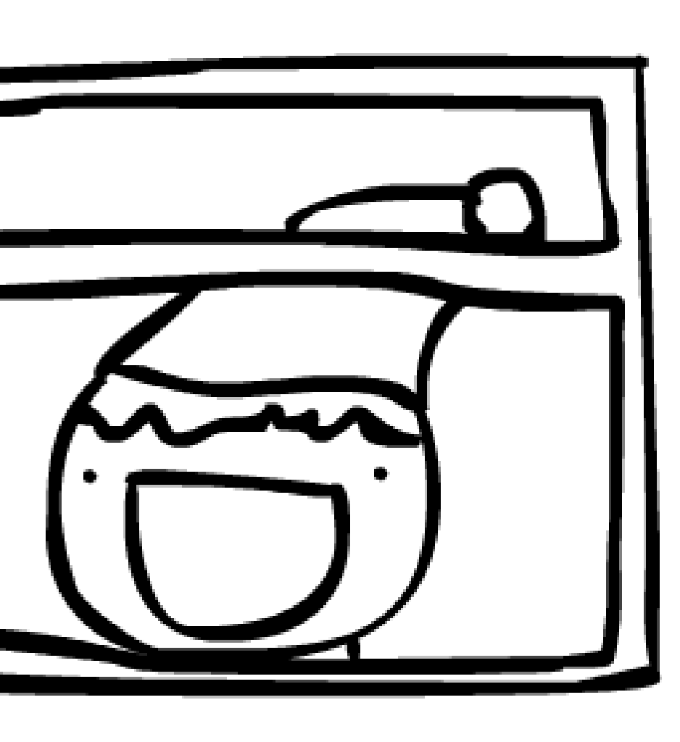
Lewis contemplated going to bed,
While visions of sugar plums danced in his head.



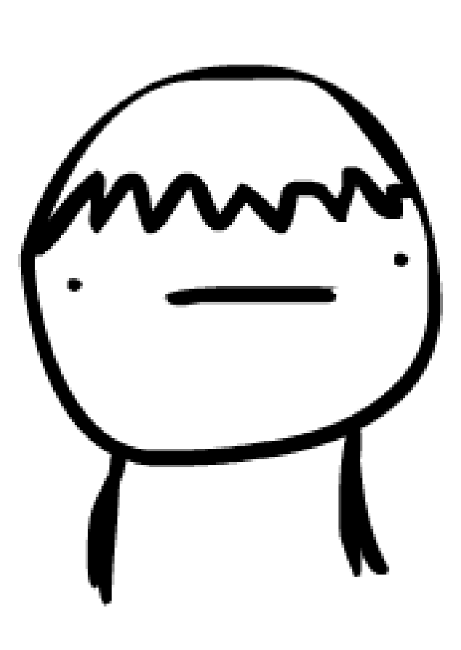
Then suddenly, outside, arose such a clatter,
That Lewis jumped up to see what was the matter.



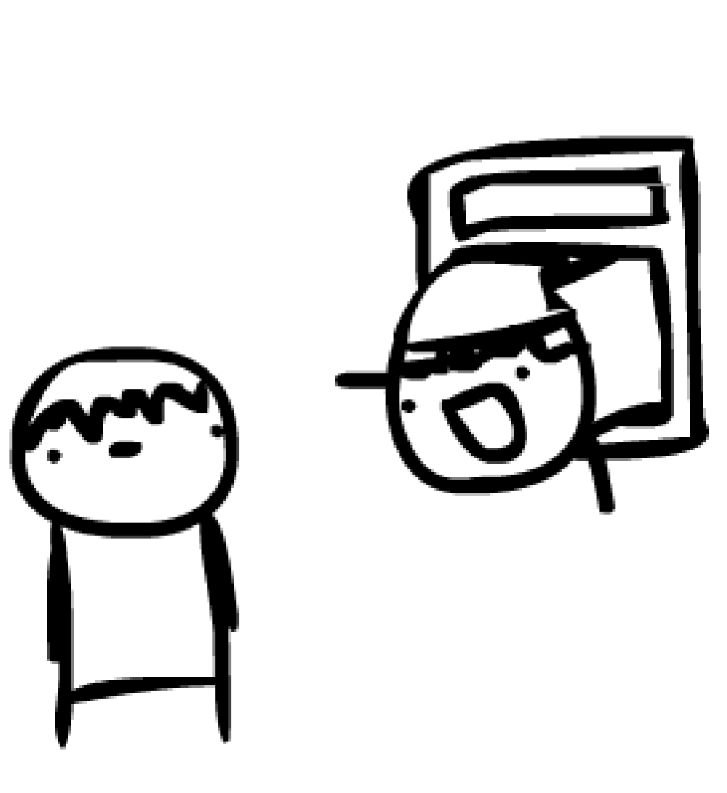
When he glanced at the window he jumped out of his skin,
For standing outside was a tremendous grin.



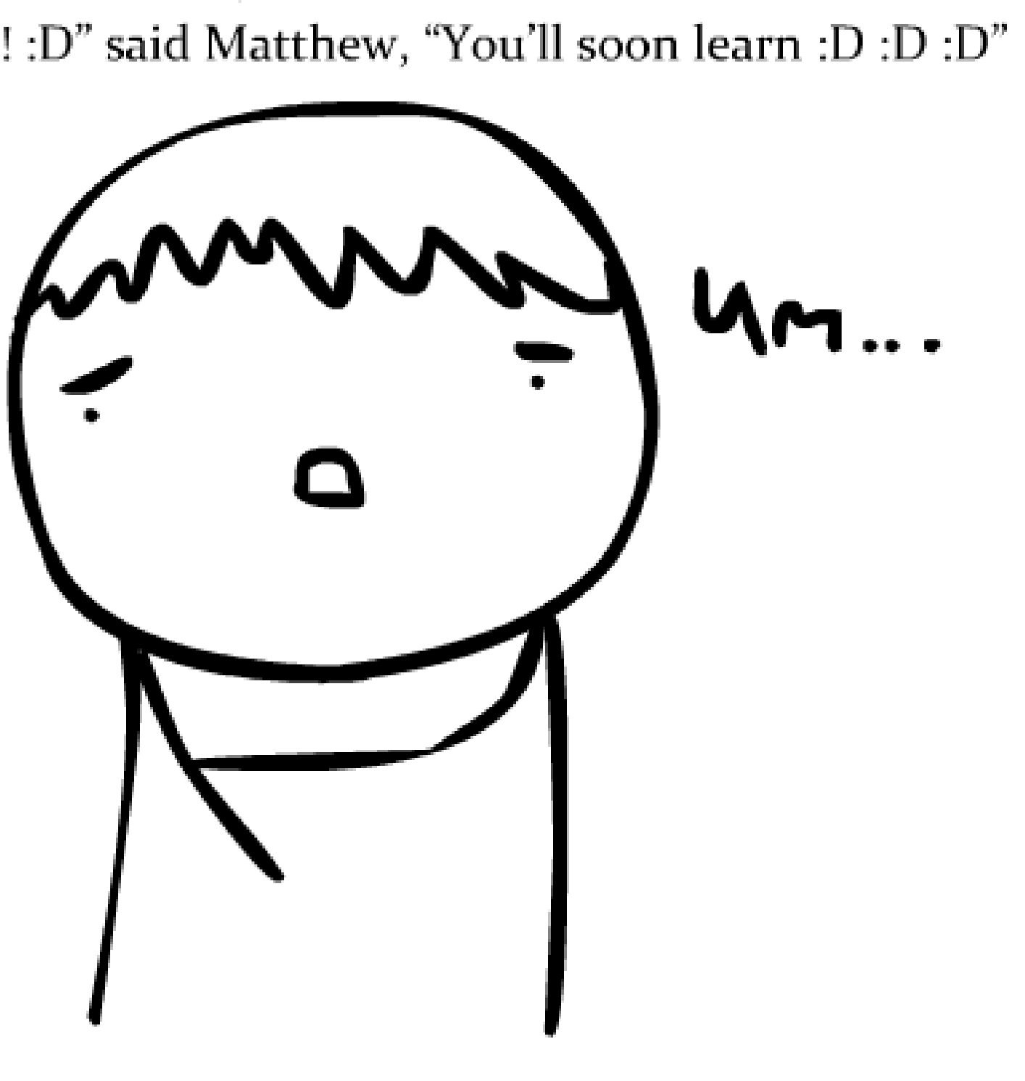
"Hey there :D" the face outside said.
"You wanted St Nick :D but you got me instead! :D :D :D"



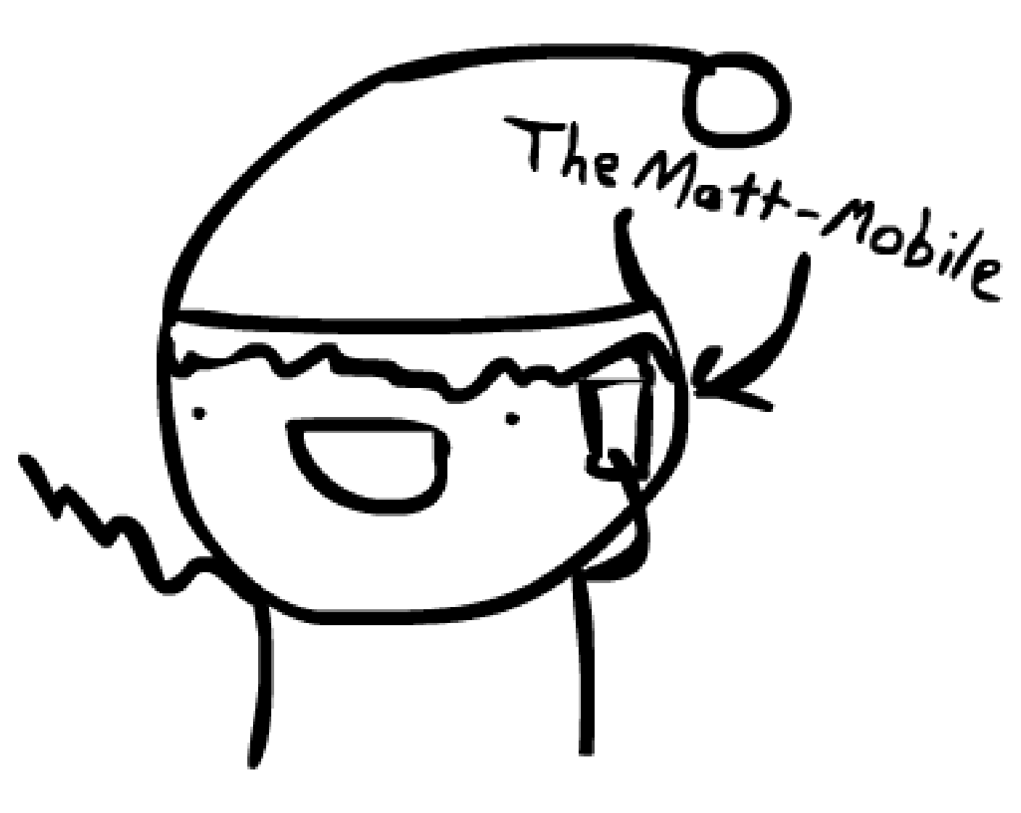
"Actually," he replied, "I just wanted quiet."
"Silly :D It's Christmas! We'll all have a riot. :D"



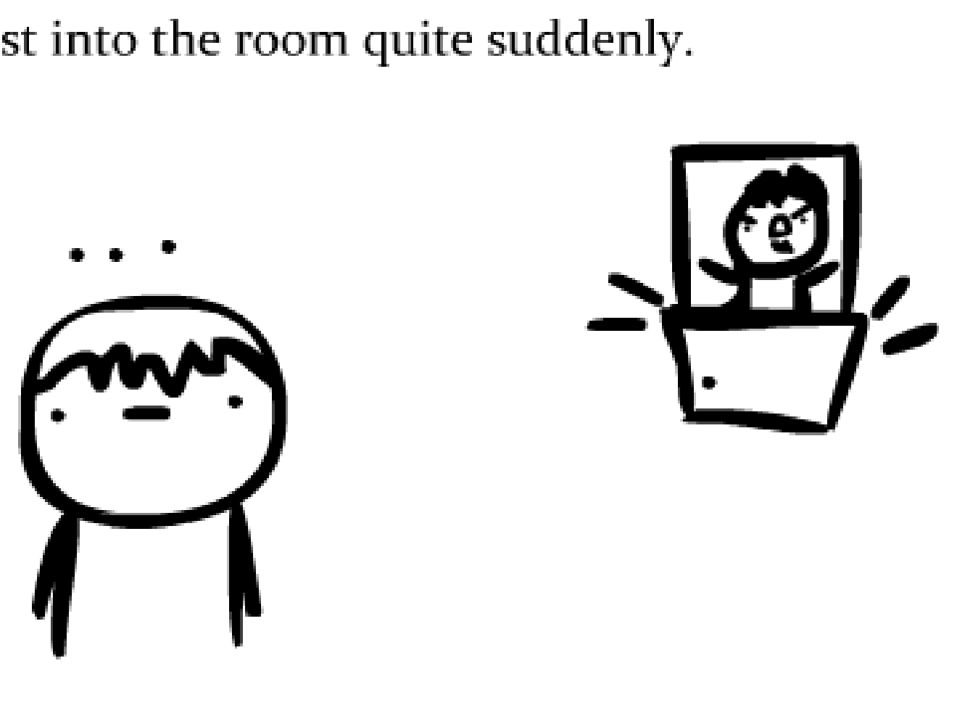
"All?" Lewis wondered, with mild concern.
"Silly Lewis! :D" said Matthew, "You'll soon learn :D :D :D"



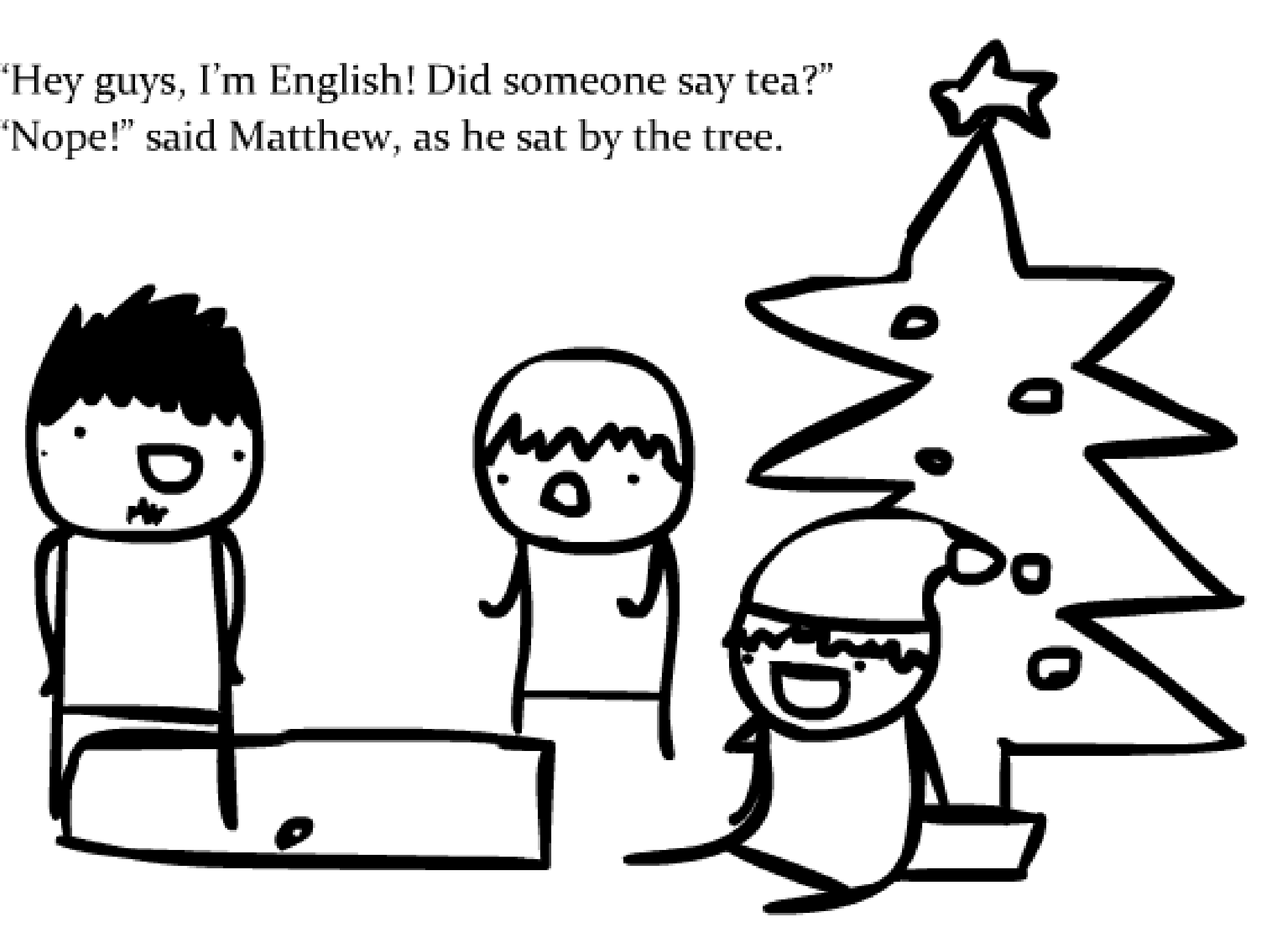
He reached for his phone and then started talking:
"I need help, come quick; hurry, start walking! :D"



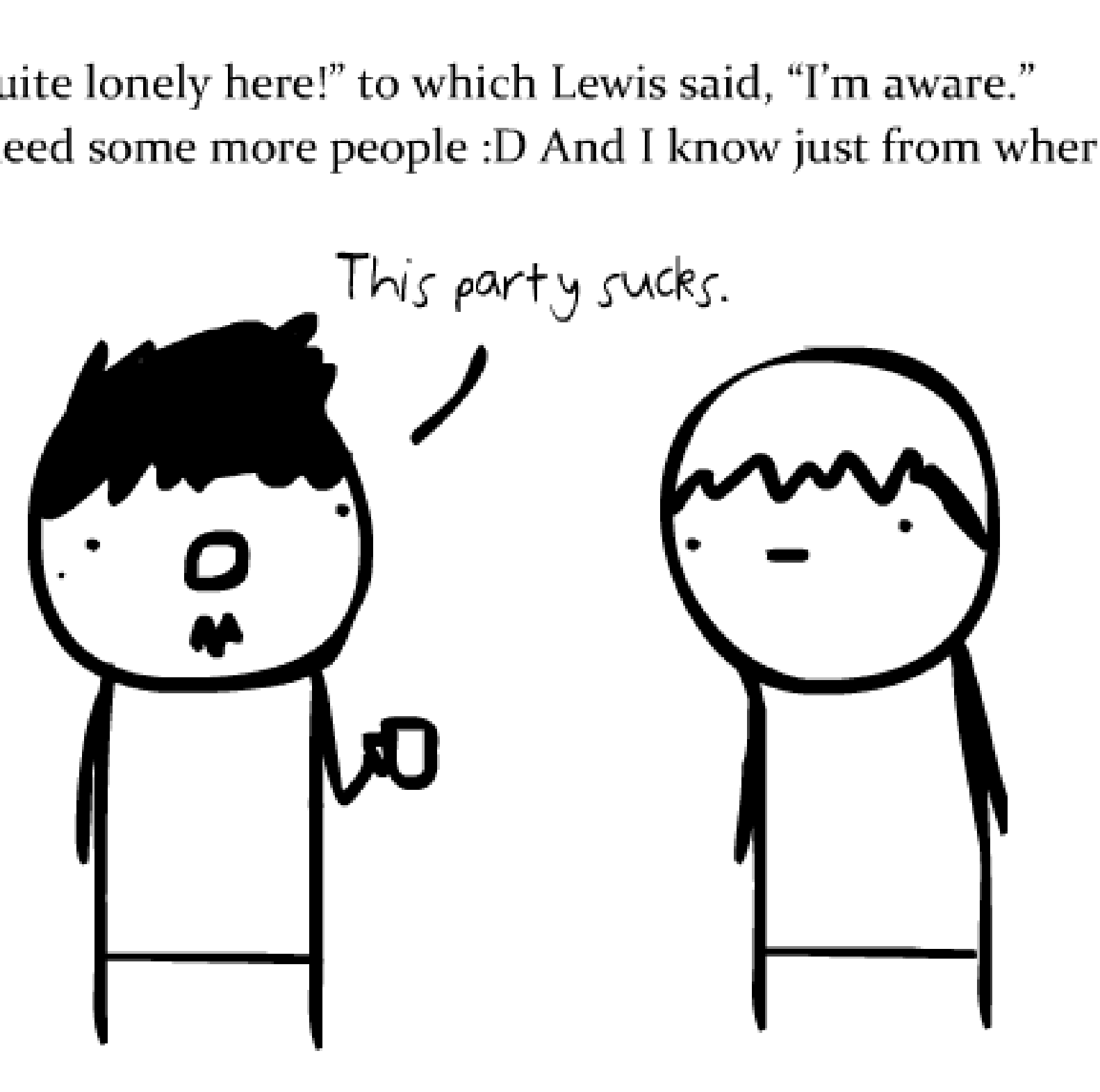
"It's Christmas, and I'm helping Lewis T-"
Jacob burst into the room quite suddenly.



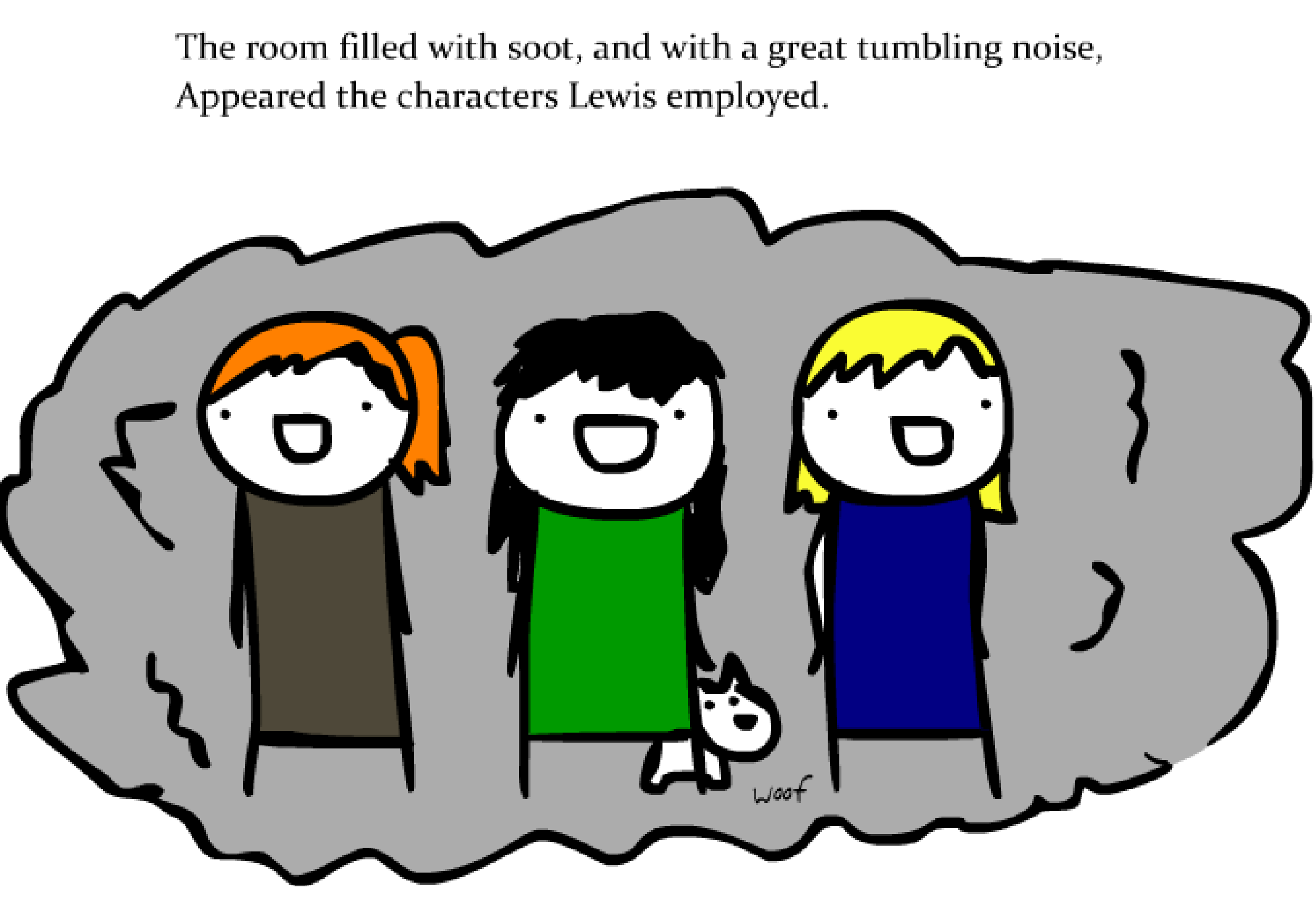
"Hey guys, I'm English! Did someone say tea?"
"Nope!" said Matthew, as he sat by the tree.



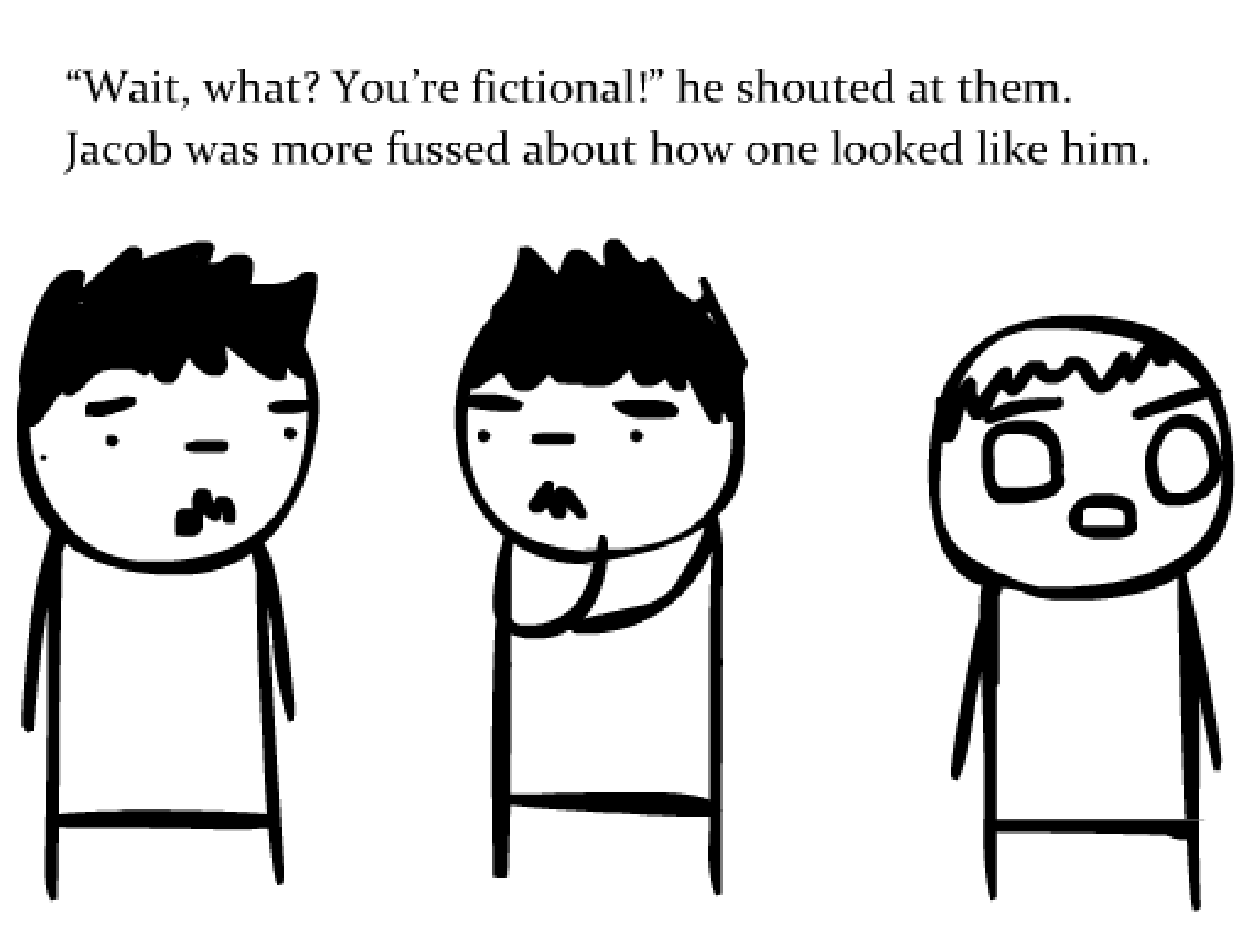
"It's quite lonely here!" to which Lewis said, "I'm aware."
"We need some more people :D And I know just from where!"


This party sucks.

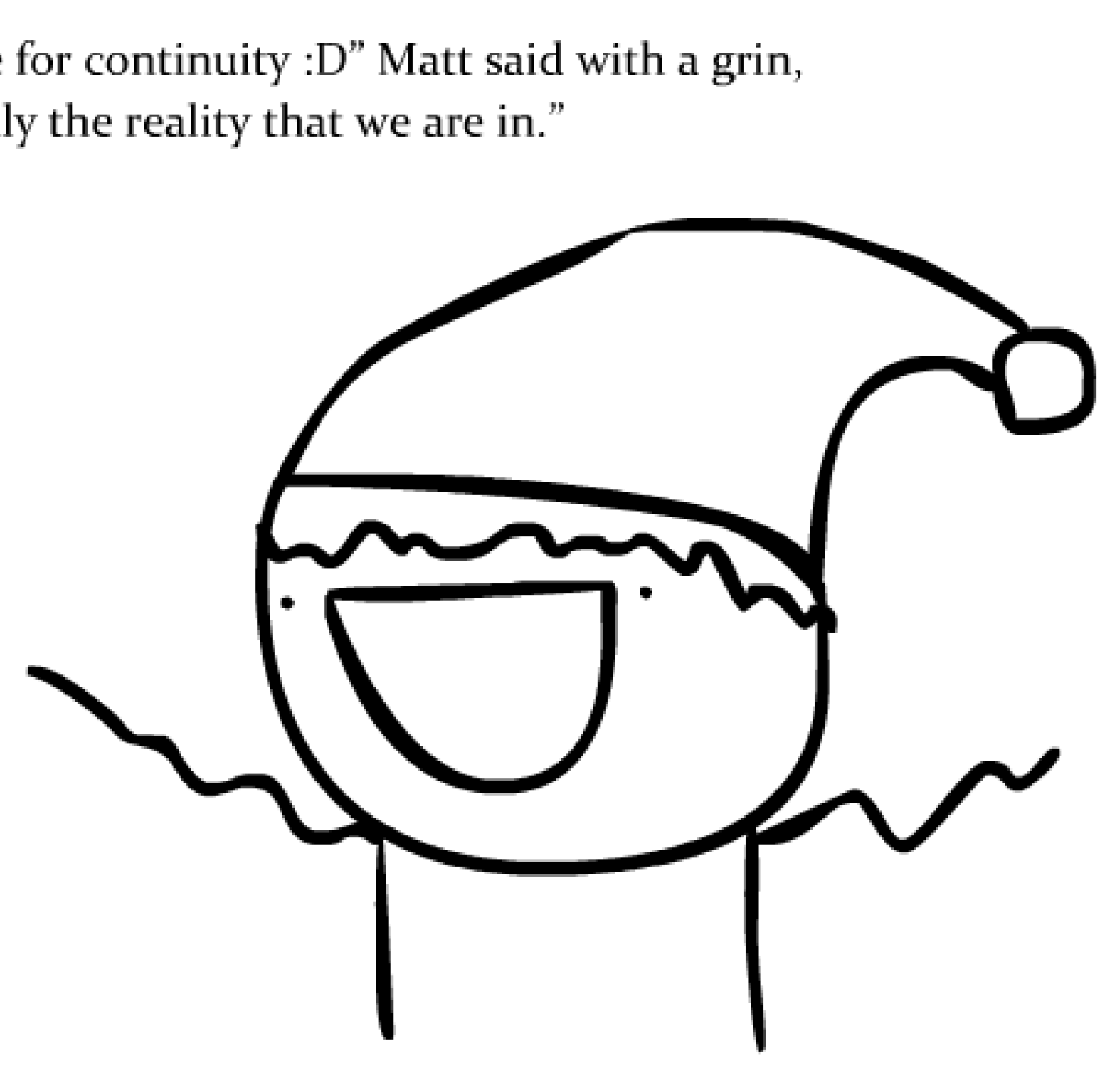
The room filled with soot, and with a great tumbling noise,
Appeared the characters Lewis employed.



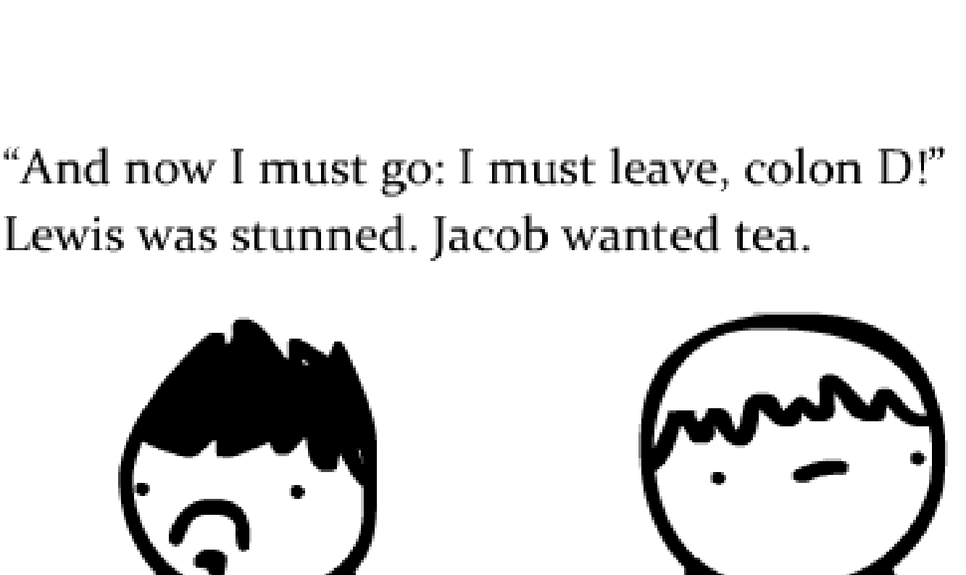
"Wait, what? You're fictional!" he shouted at them.
Jacob was more fussed about how one looked like him.



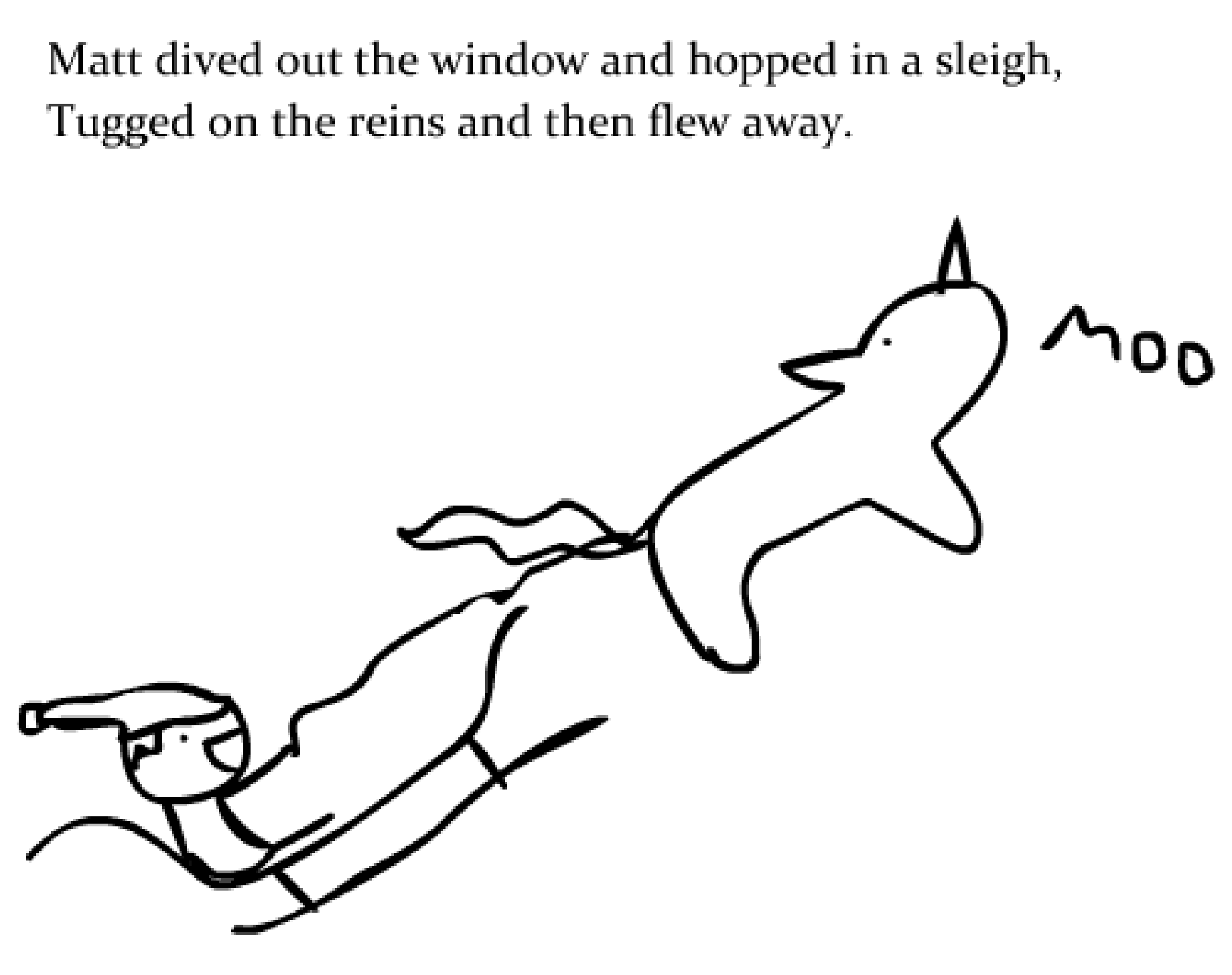
"I don't care for continuity :D" Matt said with a grin,
"There is only the reality that we are in."



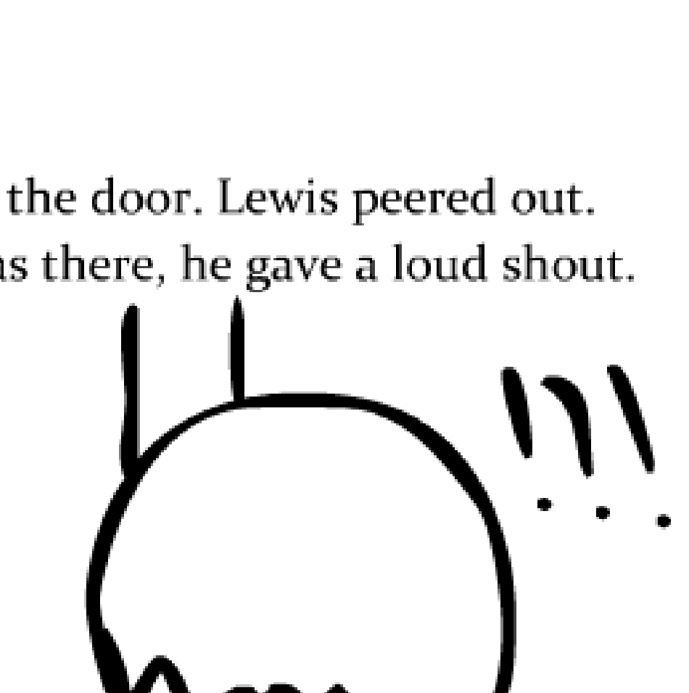
"And now I must go: I must leave, colon D!"
Lewis was stunned. Jacob wanted tea.

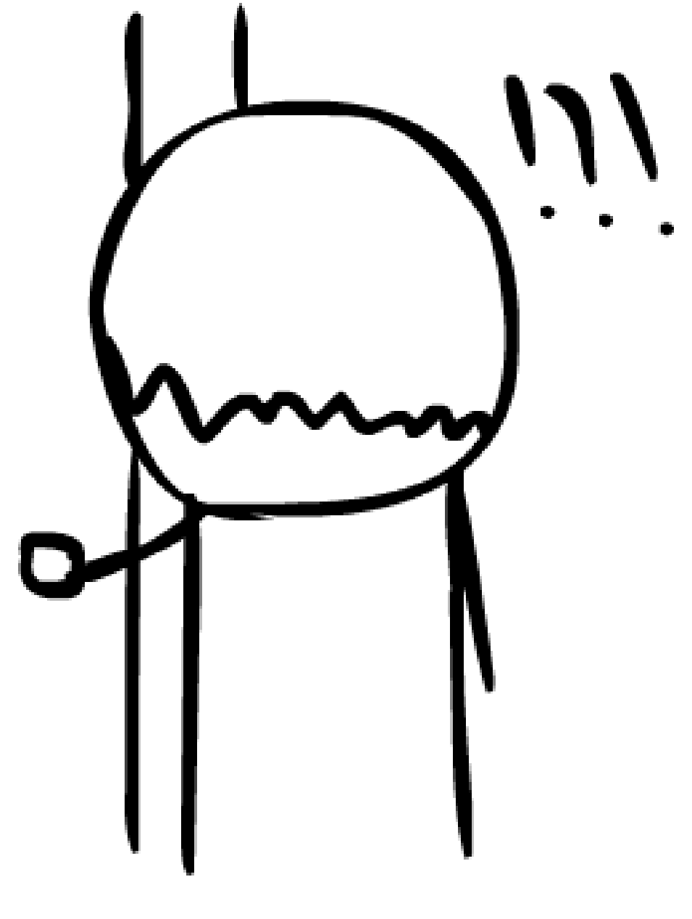


Matt dived out the window and hopped in a sleigh,
Tugged on the reins and then flew away.

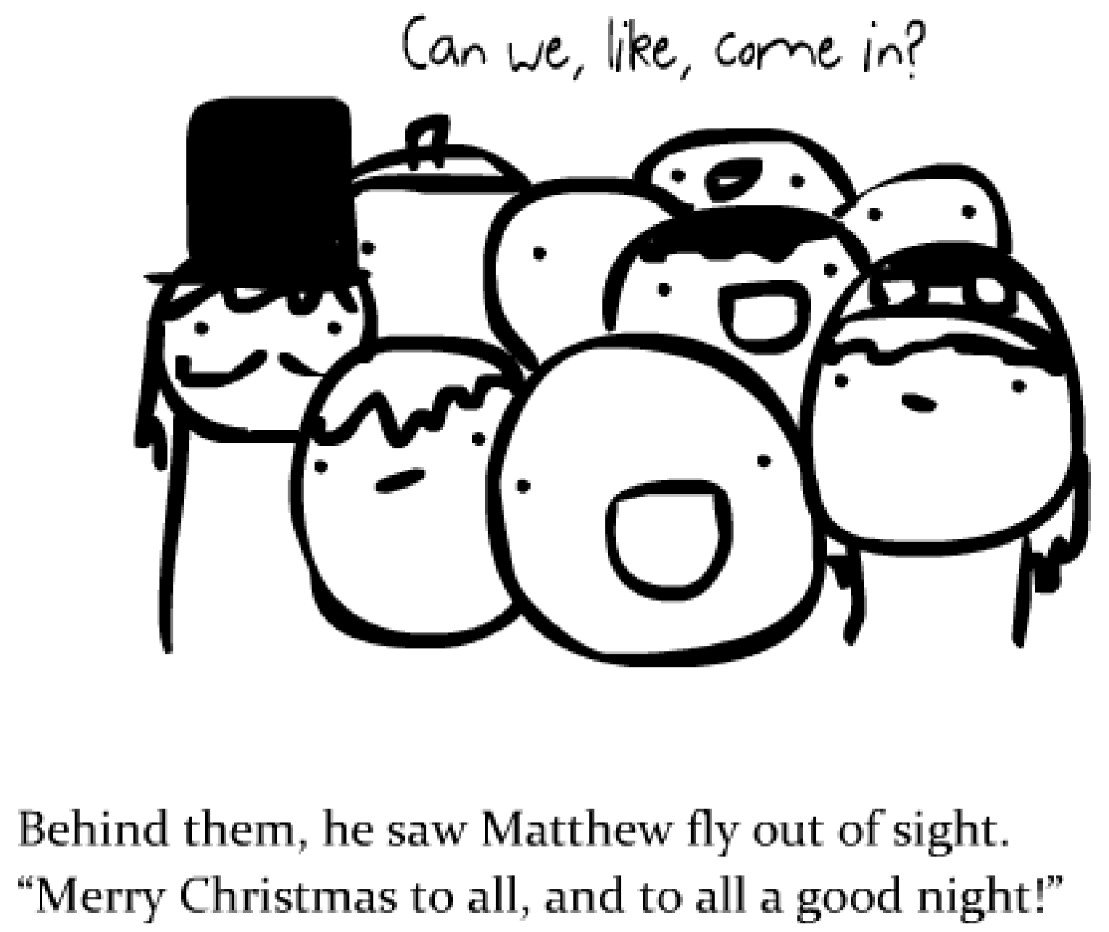


There was a knock at the door. Lewis peered out.
When he saw who was there, he gave a loud shout.




We heard there was a party here!
Can we, like, come in?

Behind them, he saw Matthew fly out of sight.
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



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